

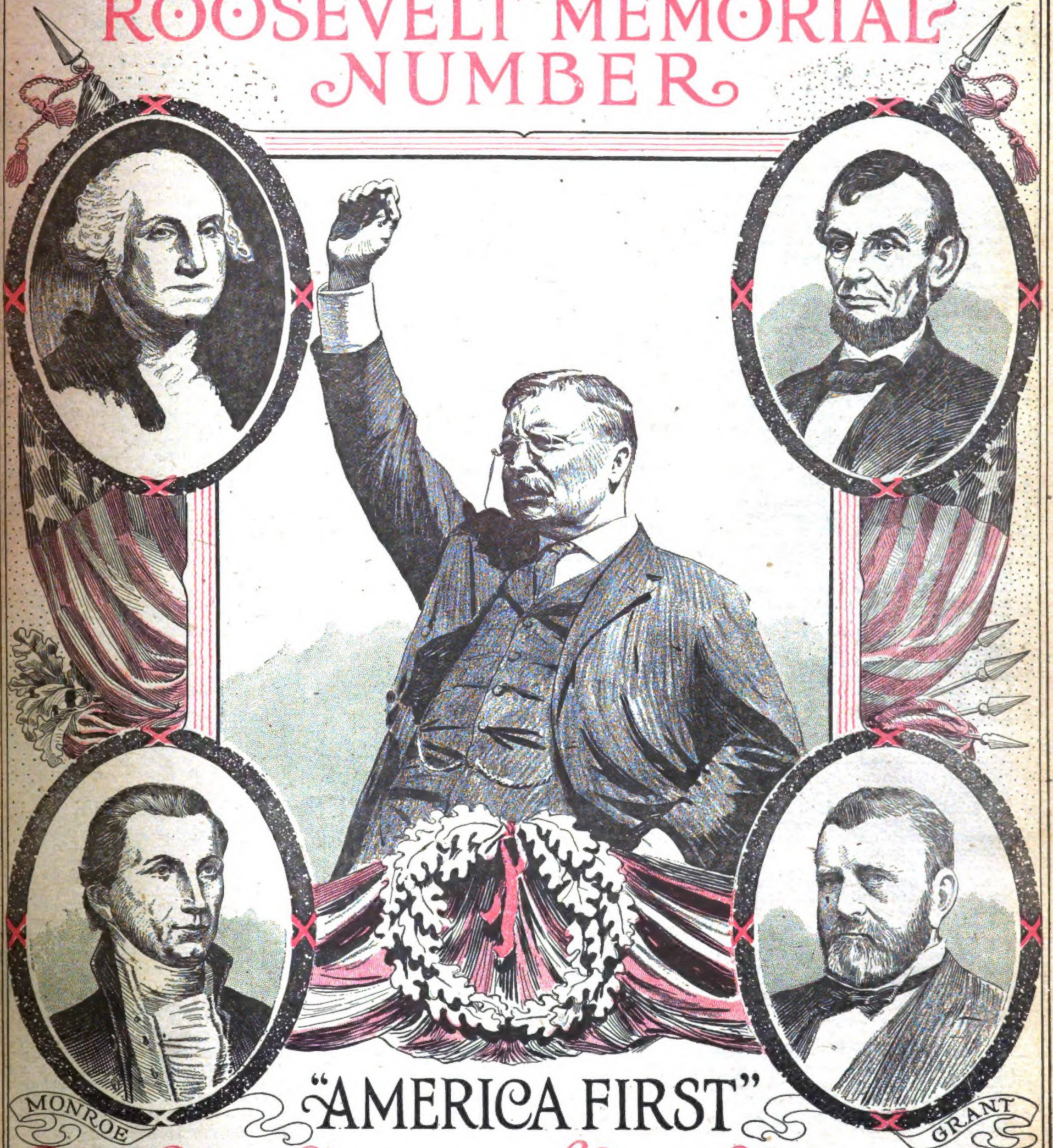
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America First—the Destiny of Our Country Must Not Be Subject to Foreign Control

PRESUMABLY all our readers know that disagreement as to the expediency of joining the League of Nations on the terms prescribed in the proposed peace treaty is the obstacle that thus far has prevented ratification of the treaty by the U. S. Senate. But the document itself is so lengthy and complicated, and the issue has been so befogged by abstruse arguments and grandiloquent oratory that comparatively few people understand the real meaning of the League of Nations proposition and the menace to our country involved in accepting it in its entirety. Without discussing in detail the various intricacies of the treaty I will try to make clear a few salient points of vital interest which justify the persistent stand of the majority of our senators for a modification of the League of Nations program to the extent necessary to safeguard the rights, interests and independence of the United States.

These patriotic senators have been scandalously abused and unjustly charged by the so-called League of Peace advocates with having blocked the ratification of the treaty, although in fact the accusers are wholly responsible for the situation. It takes a two-thirds majority of the Senate to ratify a treaty. Last November a substantial majority, though less than two-thirds, of the senators voted to ratify the treaty, including acceptance of the League of Nations, but subject to certain modifications in the form of reservations in the interest, as stated, of the United States. The only reason why the peace treaty failed of ratification at that time was that a stubborn minority demanded acceptance of the European made treaty without the slightest change and voted solidly against the Americanized form. But it is expected that the minority will yield enough to allow the treaty to be ratified on an Americanized basis.

America First

IT should be distinctly understood that the majority senators, by their insistence that our acceptance of the League of Nations feature of the peace treaty be accompanied by, and conditioned on, reservations necessary to preserve the rights, interests and, above all, the independence of the United States, are pursuing the wise policy advised by Washington and advocated and carried on by Monroe, Lincoln, Grant and Roosevelt—five great champions of sturdy Americanism, of the policy of *America First*, of preserving our national independence by avoiding entanglement in foreign alliances, of keeping out of all wars in which our national honor or national rights are not menaced, of stoutly maintaining and defending our national rights and honor, of protecting our own vital interests by protecting the free nations of North and South America from aggression or conquest by European or Asiatic Powers—in short the policy of minding our own business on this side of the water and insisting that Europe and Asia shall mind theirs. Hitherto this has been the settled policy of our Government and has made our country great, powerful, prosperous and respected. The entrance of the United States into World War was not in any sense a departure from this policy. Through the first two years and eight months of the war our country remained neutral, until Germany's many dastardly attacks and wanton destruction of the lives and property of our citizens on land and sea compelled us to fight in defense of our national rights and honor; and even then we did not form any alliance although, of course, we joined forces with Germany's enemies as the most effective means to victory.

Senate's Americanizing Reservations

THE compass of this editorial does not admit of mention of all the peace treaty's snares and pitfalls that the reservations of the majority senators are designed to save our country from falling into; but the following sam-

ples will suffice to demonstrate how suicidal it would be for the United States to accept the League of Nations proposition unconditionally and without modification of such of its terms as are inimical to American interests. The League of Nations amounts to a sort of international super-government by the member nations for the purpose of exercising certain powers not only over the governments of its members but also over the whole world, and of enforcing obedience by war if necessary. It is specified in the peace treaty that Great Britain and her colonies shall have six votes while the United States is permitted only one vote in the governing body of the League. For the purpose of rectifying this gross inequality so far as American interests are concerned the majority senators demanded a reservation limiting the British Empire to one vote on all questions affecting the United States. Can you imagine any true American objecting to this reservation? And yet all the minority senators, except a very few, voted against it.

Other clauses of the treaty would, to a considerable extent, impair the independence of the United States by subjecting our country to foreign dictation not only in its international intercourse but even in the regulation and administration of its internal affairs. For instance, we could be required to submit to the judgment of a foreign board of arbitration as to our immigration laws, our Chinese exclusion act, the several State laws restricting or prohibiting foreign ownership of land, to which Japan so strenuously and impudently objects, and in fact almost any law that affects the interests of another nation or its citizens. The League is also authorized to limit the size of our army and navy.

The United States would be required to provide a military and naval force to be at the disposal of the League to enforce its rules, regulations, judgments and decrees against any disobedient nation; which means that we could be plunged into war, without the consent of Congress, at any time and in any part of the world to help settle a quarrel that in no way concerned us. This requirement of the peace treaty is in direct conflict with the Constitution of the United States which confers on Congress the power and sole responsibility of declaring war.

The war has made over the map of Europe. Some of the old countries have gained territory at the expense of their neighbors, and a lot of little turbulent states have suddenly sprung into independent existence from the wreck of the Russian, Austrian and German empires. Since the armistice they have had some twenty wars, mostly over disputed boundaries, and many of them are still fighting. They are to be admitted to the League of Nations, and by the clause of the peace treaty which guarantees the present boundaries of the member nations our country would be embroiled in their quarrels. At the earnest solicitation of the United States and the Allies China entered the war against Germany; and what is her reward? Her Shantung province containing forty million Chinese—more than the entire population of France—is taken from her and given to Japan by the peace treaty. And the United States is asked to confirm this outrageous robbery. The majority of the senators refused to sanction it, and even the minority members, who voted in favor of the proposition for fear of offending Japan, had to acknowledge that it was wrong. Would you wish the Senate to accept this treaty without reservations in behalf of America on all these points? Let us see how Washington, Monroe, Lincoln, Grant and Roosevelt dealt with such propositions in their times.

Washington's Prophetic Warning

FORTY-FIVE years of Washington's life were devoted to the service of his country, the larger part spent in fighting its battles in the French and Indian wars and in the war for Independence. He was reluctant to hold pub-

lic office, loved peace and abhorred war, but never hesitated to lead in a just war. On retiring from the presidency, which closed his long public career, Washington issued his "Farewell Address to the American People" advising them as to the policies to be pursued for the welfare of the nation. The test of time has shown it to be a masterpiece of prophetic wisdom. As to avoiding war by keeping out of entangling foreign alliances he admonished:

"The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is, in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible.**** Europe has a set of primary interests, which to us have none, or a very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves, by artificial ties, in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships or enmities.**** Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor, or caprice? It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world;*****"

The Monroe Doctrine

WE have prospered by minding our own business. Later it became necessary for President Monroe to proclaim, as the corollary of Washington's proposition, that Europe must mind her business by not meddling with the affairs of the independent nations of North and South America. Brazil was a former colony of Portugal while all the other South American nations were former colonies of Spain, but all had gained their independence prior to 1823 when Spain asked the then existing league of European nations, known as the Holy Alliance, to assist her and Portugal to reconquer their lost American colonies. It was to prevent this threatened aggression that President Monroe announced it to be the policy of the United States not to tolerate the conquest or colonization of any independent American country by a European power. This is the famous Monroe Doctrine which we have stoutly maintained ever since as the determined policy of America. As we were then a weak nation it is probable that the powerful Holy Alliance would have given little heed to President Monroe's warning if Great Britain had not deemed it advantageous to her commercial interests to support our side of the controversy.

The Monroe Doctrine has been the means of preserving the other American republics from annihilation by European powers, but the fundamental reason why we would go to war, if necessary, to enforce it is that European aggression and conquest once begun on the American continent would sooner or later menace our own peace and security. A further expansion of the Monroe Doctrine was proclaimed by subsequent Presidents, notably by President Grant, to the effect that such European nations as have American colonies shall not be allowed to sell, swap or otherwise dispose of them except to the United States, or to make them free and independent. This policy blocked Germany's efforts to buy the Danish West Indies, which were afterwards bought by our Government and renamed the Virgin Islands.

Louis Napoleon's Defiance of the Monroe Doctrine Led to His Downfall

DURING our Civil War Mexico was in about the same condition of anarchy as at present. At that time Louis Napoleon was emperor of France, and, being ambitious to achieve some conquest in imitation of the exploits of his uncle, the great Napoleon, took

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"Who is sick here, miss?"

"Sing to me please—sing to me about the jasper walls and gates of pearl."

"Do not feel that you must decide the matter to night, Violet."

Suddenly he gathered her slight form in his arms, and leaped into the carriage.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

On a car, going up a steep hill, leading to the Zoological Gardens of Cincinnati, is Violet Draper Huntington. Opposite her sits Wallace Richardson. Nearly at the top of the hill, something beneath the car breaks. Wallace seizes Violet's hands and locking them behind his neck commands her to cling. The car crashes down, burying all the passengers beneath the ruins. They are the only two alive and hurried to Wallace Richardson's house, are cared for by his mother, Mrs. Mencke. Violet's sister provides a nurse and leaves orders for Violet to see no one. The nurse out for a walk, Violet goes to the adjoining room to meet Wallace and thank him for the life saved. As they become more friendly, Wallace realizes his danger and Violet is hopelessly in love. Violet asks Wallace to come with his mother to see her. Mrs. Mencke takes Violet to Saratoga for two months, then to Cincinnati, and home. The following day, picking up a paper, Violet reads of Mrs. Richardson's death. She goes to the Richardson's house and expresses her sympathy to Wallace, who unconsciously calls her my darling, and asks her forgiveness. As she whispers, "I am glad," he knows she is all his own. Returning home, her sister demands where she has been, and learning it was at Mrs. Richardson's funeral, that she rides in the carriage with Wallace and Mrs. Dent. Mrs. Mencke denounces it as questionable and that she must drop him for all time. Wallace, calling upon Violet, Mr. and Mrs. Mencke return and she introduces him and admits he is her promised husband. She overhears Belle's and her husband's scheme to place her in a convent. Mrs. Mencke, proposing a trip to Montreal, Violet refuses to go, and Mrs. Mencke takes Mrs. Hawley, who is to sail for Europe and chaperone Nellie Bailey, into her confidence and requests her to induce Violet to join them. Violet makes ready for the proposed trip and Wallace is at the steamer to say good by. Vane Cameron and Ralph Henderson join Mr. and Mrs. Hawley's party and before the voyage is over Vane Cameron surrenders his heart to Violet. Mrs. Mencke schemes that no letters pass between Violet and Wallace and later, joining the party in Europe, gives her permission for Vane to win Violet. Failing to get Violet's consent, she produces a notice of Wallace Richardson's death, which throws Violet into a severe sickness, leaving her sad and heartbroken. Vane Cameron, receiving an encouraging letter from Mrs. Mencke, appears, and tells Violet the wish nearest his heart is to make her his wife. Violet confesses to Vane her love for Wallace Richardson, her sister's opposition, concealing nothing. Knowing she is unhappy from causes other than Wallace's death, Vane urges her to allow him to give her his name, to shield her from sorrow and care. Violet, afraid to yield, and hesitating, faints. Ringing a bell, Mrs. Mencke enters. Recovering consciousness, Violet questions did she promise, and being assured by her sister that she has, she faints again. Mrs. Mencke informs Lord Cameron that Violet acknowledges the engagement, and later she consents to what he thinks best, but with many misgivings. Mrs. Mencke, entering Violet's room, finds the bed made and the room in order and no trace discovered of her. Four weeks later, Lord Cameron, returning from a fruitless search, sees a group near a cliff and the body of a woman upon the beach, clad in dark grey suit with bands of blue silk. Believing it is Violet, Lord Cameron selects a spot near the sea. The next day a stranger appears and requests to meet the woman reported to have married Lord Cameron. Being questioned by the Menckes his right, he produces the marriage certificate and Vane Cameron confirms it by Violet's admission of it to him, the treatment received, her disappearance and later the finding of her body by drowning and the burial. Wallace falls unconscious and Lady Cameron and Vane remain with Wallace through a severe illness, after which he returns to New York, building up a fine business. In the meanwhile, Wilhelm Mencke squanders all at the gaming table and Mrs. Mencke goes to Cincinnati from which place she suddenly disappears. Violet comes to New York, securing a position as governess for Bertha Lawrence, who is partially blind and possessed of a strong will. She wins her affections, Mr. Lawrence treating her as a member of the family, and alone with himself determines to win Violet. Wilhelm Mencke secures Violet's address and learns that Wallace Richardson is in the city. Calling upon him and desiring to raise money, he offers Violet's jewelry for two thousand dollars. Wallace objects. As the husband of Violet, he is the legal heir and will give a sum which may be named as their value and fifty dollars. Jonas Huntington dies, leaving a fortune to his niece, Violet Huntington. She, supposed to be dead, the nearest heir is Mrs. Wilhelm Mencke, for whom search is being made.

CHAPTER XXVI.

BERTHA IS CALLED AWAY.

WILHELM Mencke, after reading the foregoing account over the second time, sat for a long time absorbed in thought, a cunning and malicious gleam in his small eyes, as if some deep and crafty plot were taking root in his brain. "I must do it!" he muttered, at length. "I must get hold of Violet—get her into my power, and away from New York, where she is continually liable to meet that—architect. Then I must find Belle. Where can the jade have been all this time? It is absolutely necessary that I find her, for she is—ahem! yes, of course, she is the next of kin; and if we manage things cleverly we can get hold of this handsome pile that Jonas Huntington spent all his life in hoarding, and hold up our heads once more. It is evident that Belle isn't in Cincinnati, or she would have seen the advertisements and have put in her own claim before this—the old girl isn't at all backward, where money is concerned, any more than I am. I can't believe she has remained in London all these months, for she could have had but precious little money, and she'd be likely to want to get back to her own country, if she had herself to take care of."

Once more he dropped into deep thought, but after a time began to soliloquize again. "I wonder if it would be of any use for me to advertise in the New York papers for her," he mused. "It would be queer if she should be hiding here, as well as the rest of us, and yet there isn't a better place to lose one's self in, take the world-over. I've half a mind to try it, for find her I must, or I can never get the handling of that fortune."

The next day there appeared in three of the morning papers a personal to this effect:

WANTED.—To learn the whereabouts of Mrs. B. M. M., formerly of Cincinnati. She will learn of something to her advantage if she will confer with W. M., No. 90 Street, New York City.

This advertisement was printed in each paper twice a week during the next two months, but without producing the desired information, consequently the crafty plotter could not carry out his schemes, and Jonas Huntington's great fortune still remained in the hands of the Cincinnati lawyer, Ralph Middleton.

Meantime, however, Wilhelm Mencke was on the alert about other matters.

He haunted the vicinity of No. — Fifth Avenue, trying to learn something of Violet's movements, and to carry out the plot which he had laid for her unwary feet.

Once or twice he saw her go out to ride with Bertha and her father, but after that he did not get another glimpse of her for long weeks, while every day he saw a doctor's carriage stand for half an hour or more before the palatial residence of the wealthy banker, and he began to think that Violet herself might be dangerously ill.

One evening just at dusk, after a long watch in the vicinity, he accosted a servant "coming out of the basement door, and, raising his hat politely, he inquired:

"Who is sick here, miss? I see a doctor's team here every day as I pass from my work."

"The young lady of the house, sir," responded the girl, regarding him wonderingly.

"What, the poor, pretty little thing whose eyes are bad?" he asked, in a tone of affected sympathy.

"Yes," the girl said, tears springing to her own eyes, for, since Violet had been in the house, Bertha had grown to be a different girl, and the servants all loved her now.

"What is the matter?" Wilhelm Mencke asked, secretly disappointed to learn that it was not Violet who was sick, for it would be much easier to get possession of the fortune that had been recently willed to her if she were out of the way.

"She had a bad fall, sir, a while ago. The doctor says her spine is fractured in two places, and she'll never be well again," the girl explained. "That is bad enough, but not so bad as if there wasn't plenty of money and good friends to look after her," the man returned.

"That is true, sir," said the girl, growing communicative under the interest which her companion manifested, "and she does have the best of care and attention. Miss Huntington, the governess, is just beautiful with her—so kind and gentle, and Miss Bertha can't bear to have her out of her sight a minute."

"That is very nice of the young lady, to be sure; but does she stay with her the whole time?" inquired Mr. Mencke, who desired to post himself thoroughly regarding Violet's movements.

"Mostly—except nights."

"She'll be getting sick herself! Doesn't she go out to get the air at all?"

"Well, for half an hour or so, about noon, when the master makes her go with him."

Ah! this explained why Wilhelm Mencke had never seen her out.

His dinner hour was at twelve, and, as that meal was the most important one of the day to him, he was always busily engaged when Violet took her airing.

He resolved to govern himself accordingly after this; though, if Mr. Lawrence always accompanied Violet, he feared he would be unable to accomplish his purpose.

"Your master must be a very kind man to take such an interest in the governess," he slyly remarked.

"Law! Next to Bertha, he sets his eyes by her. There's nothing he wouldn't do for her; and—with a significant laugh and toss of her trim head, for the girl dearly loved to gossip if she could get any one to listen to her—"there's a bet between me and the coachman—a pair of new bracelets against a new hat—that she'll be the mistress here yet."

Wilhelm Mencke started.

He had not thought of anything like that hap-

pening in connection with Violet; but now it suddenly occurred to him that, if the banker had fallen in love with her, he might turn this fact to his own advantage also.

If the fair governess should happen to disappear, in some mysterious way, the wealthy man might offer a handsome reward for tidings of her, and if he was shrewd he might line his pockets with an extra amount of gold.

He had now learned all he cared to, for the present, and so, after paying the girl a complimentary or two, in return for her volubility, he bade her good evening and sauntered away.

It was true that Bertha had had a terrible fall and now lay at the point of death.

A day or two after that happy afternoon at the opera, she was going down stairs, singing, as happy as a bird, when one of the rods which held the carpet in place—having become loosened from its socket—suddenly flew out and tripped her, causing her to fall nearly the whole length of the staircase.

She was unconscious when her father, who had heard the fall and sprung from his library to her aid, picked her up and carried her to her room.

The physician, on his arrival, made a careful examination, but could not at that time decide just how serious her injuries were. Later, after a consultation with another surgeon, he declared that her spine was fractured in two places, and that she could never recover from the injury—in all probability she would not live more than a few weeks.

The poor child's sufferings were terrible, but she was a patient little thing, and only when exhausted nature could bear no more did she complain of her hard lot.

Violet was with her continually, and did much to cheer and comfort her, while she did not spare herself in any way in her efforts to relieve her pain.

"How good you are to me, Miss Huntington," Bertha remarked, affectionately, one day, when she had had a longer interval of ease than usual.

"And why should I not be, dear?" Violet asked.

"I am sure I love you dearly, and would do anything in the world to spare you suffering."

And she emphasized the assertion with a fond kiss upon the girl's pale brow.

"I almost wonder that you do love me," Bertha said, with a sigh.

"Why, my dear child?"

"Because I was so naughty and disagreeable when you first came here."

"But that was a long, long time ago, darling, and I never think of it—you have grown to seem like a dear little sister to me."

"Have I?" cried the child, eagerly, her wan face brightening. "How I wish I could always have had you, dear Miss Huntington. I know I should have been a much better girl, but I am glad that I have had you even for a little while."

"I am glad, too, Bertha, and I hope we are going to enjoy each other's companionship for a long while to come," Violet answered, with a sudden heart sinking at that last remark.

Bertha lay quietly thinking for several moments, then she asked gravely, almost appealingly:

"Miss Huntington, do you believe that little girls who are blind here on earth will see in heaven?"

A shock of pain went quivering through all Violet's nerves at this significant question; but she answered as if there was nothing unusual about it:

"Why of course I do, dear; whatever of ill we may have been afflicted with in this life all will be removed in the future world."

"What makes you think so?" Bertha inquired, with tremulous eagerness.

"Don't you remember, Bertha, that beautiful promise in Revelations? 'There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.' Violet returned, a deep tenderness in her tones.

"Those are very comforting words, aren't they?" said Bertha, a glad light illuminating her face, "and I believe them, too, besides a good many other things that you have read to me. It will be very beautiful to be able to see everything clearly and plainly, and never have to grieve any more because you are not quite sure that you know just how those you love look. I think," she went on, with a tender smile on her lips, "that I am going to see and know mamma very soon. I'm glad that I'm going, for I do so long to have my poor eyes opened. You don't

know how I have longed, when I have been sitting at the window and knew that papa was on his way home, that I could see him a great distance away and watch him as he came nearer; but," with a heavy sigh, "I could never tell that he was near until I could hear his step."

Violet was so overcome to hear the child talk thus, that she could make no reply—she knew that she should burst into tears if she attempted to do so; she could only grasp the small hand that lay upon the counterpane, and fondle it tenderly.

"Do you know," the young girl rambled on, after another interval of silence, "that I never thought much about heaven, or of going there until you came here, Miss Huntington, and I never liked to hear any one read from the Bible, but somehow you made everything sound differently; it did not seem like the stiff Bible verses; but more like a story about beautiful places and things. I am glad now, that you would never begin lessons until you read in the Testament all those lovely things about the blind men, and those others whom Jesus healed. Do you suppose He will touch my eyes when I get to heaven? I think it would be very pleasant to feel His hand laid upon me, and then look up to see Him first of all."

Violet bent down to kiss the little invalid before replying.

"There is no doubt, darling, that you will see Him, for you know that He has told us that every eye shall see Him; while He is to be the light of the heavenly city," Violet whispered—she could not trust herself to speak aloud.

"Sing to me, please—sing to me about the 'jasper walls and gates of pearl,'" Bertha pleaded, turning wearily upon her pillow.

"Sing! When her heart was nearly ready to burst with grief because her little charge was dying."

It seemed impossible, but calling all her will to her aid, she softly sang the hymn of which Bertha had grown very fond, and before she was through the child was quietly sleeping.

She never awoke again; the shock and injury of her fall, together with the suffering that followed it, had worn out her young life; her breath became fainter and fainter, and before morning she had gone peacefully and gently into a brighter sphere, where, with vision unimpaired, she would forever find delight in the beauty and brightness of that world prepared for those who have learned to trust in the great Healer of men.

Mr. Lawrence felt as if he were heavily afflicted, in thus losing his only child, and in such a sad way, too, and for a time he seemed almost inconsolable.

Had it not been for Violet in his time of trouble, he felt that he could not have borne it. She proved a true comforter in every sense of the word, and was so thoughtful and helpful, that the whole household regarded her with deeper love and admiration than ever.

It was she who suggested many pleasant little things, connected with the last ceremonies for Bertha, which no one else would have thought of, and which robbed the occasion of much of its gloom.

She asked Mr. Lawrence's permission to arrange the house as she chose, and he had told her to do just as she wished about everything.

She would not have the room darkened, as was the custom; she threw open every shutter, and let in all the sunlight possible, to make the rooms cheerful.

Then she spread a great white fur rug, upon which it had been Bertha's delight to lie, just under the arch, between the two statues which Mr. Lawrence had so recently purchased, and directed that the beautiful white casket containing their loved dead, should be placed upon it.

She scattered lovely flowers all about it, and upon the still form—not set pieces, but carelessly, as if a shower of fragrant blossoms had suddenly fallen upon and around the dear child.

She would have nothing but green and white about Bertha, but everywhere else there were spots of warm color and bright hues, and Mr. Lawrence afterward said that the sunlight, with this warmth and brightness, was infinitely comforting to him.

Violet forgot nothing. She sent a little note to the soprano of the choir, connected with the church—where they were in the habit of attending—a Miss Humphrey, a lovely girl, as well as a beautiful singer—asking if she would arrange for some music during the service; and so sweet voices chanted a heavenly requiem above the still form, and the delightful strains lingered long in the memory of those who heard them.

Violet thought she had never listened to anything sweeter, and as she passed Miss Humphrey on her way out to the carriage, when all was over, she bent down to her with a sudden impulse, grasped the fair songstress' hand, and whispered, while her lovely eyes flashed a look of gratitude into hers:

"Thank you! Angel music could not have been sweeter—I shall never forget it."

Miss Humphrey pressed the hand clasping hers in mute and sympathetic response, thinking that she had never seen a lovelier face; but neither of them had a suspicion how their future lives were to be intervened.

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The approach of spring brings to light new wants of things for household or personal use, but at present high prices it is expensive if you have to buy.

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Please write only on one side of the paper, and recipes on a separate sheet.

Always give your correct and full name and address, very plainly written; otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

Address MRS. WHEELER WILKINSON, CARE COMFORT, AUGUSTA, MAINE.

JUST when I was saying to myself, "Oh, dear, there's nothing new to write about," I opened a letter from one of the good sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Pope, Alabama, and found therein the following poem which opened my eyes to the lovely "new" things of everyday life. Never again shall I say, "There is nothing new under the sun." It is too bad Mrs. Pope did not give the name of the writer so we could thank him or her for something good to think about.—Ed.

The Commonplace

"The smile upon a friendly face
Holds nothing that is commonplace.
It's fresh as sunlight and the dew
And through the years is ever new.
Though other joys grow cold and stale,
The charms of friendship never fail.

"Men weary of the world, they cry,
And I can only wonder why,
For every rising of the sun
Brings splendid things to look upon,
And every day we wake to view
The least of us is born anew.

"Who wears of the friendly hand
That's waved to him across the land?
Who, when he opens wide his door,
Does not rejoice to hear once more
His neighbor's salutation gay
At the commencement of the day?

"Who is not glad that he can see
Day after day the self-same tree?
Who cannot turn his eyes on high
And find new splendors in the sky?
And who would stamp as commonplace
The beauty of a loved one's face?

"In all men are, in all they do,
There is a thrill that's ever new.
Despite the care and pain of strife,
There's no monotony to life.
Though nothing new exists, we're told,
The truth is, there is nothing old."

GALESBURG, ILL.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:
We are all happy and enthusiastic since our picture appeared in the September number of COMFORT for we are daily receiving letters of thanks and encouragement from all over the United States, from returned soldiers of the late war and other interested parties. All letters received are read at our monthly meetings so every member may be able to enjoy them. We wish to express our thanks for the kind letters and also wish to say that we only tried to do our duty and feel that our sacrifice was very little beside the great sacrifice of our dear heroes who were over there, and we are glad we were able to give the assistance we did to the Red Cross.

We are enclosing a check and list of 150 subscribers for which we hope to receive a wheel chair which we are going to donate to our Visiting Nurse Association that has more calls for wheel chairs than can be furnished. The check also contains \$1.55 as we are each giving a dime toward Uncle Charlie's Home Fund. Wishing you all the best of luck, we remain,
THE SOLDIERS' FRIEND CLUB.

Greetings, Girls of the Soldiers' Friend Club.—We feel honored to have such loyal workers with us and are sure you deserved every bit of thanks and encouragement you received, and ever so much more.—Ed.

WEST VIRGINIA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:
Three cheers for Verne Ellis! I was going to write a letter something like his but as he beat me to it I will send two dimes instead of one. Sisters, let's get up an excitement among ourselves like the men-folk do around election time and just see how many dimes we can send in for Uncle Charlie's Home Fund.

While writing this letter the gude mon came walking along and said, "Did you say you were going to send a dime to Uncle Charlie?" I said, "Yes." He said, "Well, I will send one, too." Then I asked Boy if he wanted to send a dime and he said "Yep," so that makes four.

I don't agree with Elizabeth Wagner about changing the name of COMFORT's Sisters' Corner to COMFORT's Friends' Corner. If the men want to write letters to our corner that's all right (provided they send a dime to Uncle Charlie).

I have always been a great admirer of Mrs. Wilkinson. She seems just like "one of us," and takes so much interest in all our troubles and pleasures. One sister says, "All in favor of Mrs. Wilkinson sending her picture, signify by a rising." I am standing on tip-toe.

With love and best wishes to everybody,
MIDDLEBURY MATTHEW.

Mattie.—I positively refuse to call you "Meddlesome". To say you regard me as one of you, is the very nicest thing you could say. That is what I try to be. Why shouldn't I take an interest in your troubles and pleasures? I'm just another woman with troubles and pleasures like yours. I haven't had as much sorrow in my life as some of you have, but maybe I've had more than some others. As for pleasures, I've found if we enjoy the simple pleasures, while we have them, and not look forward to something greater, that we get much more happiness out of life.—Ed.

COLORADO.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:
Will you let me in just for a minute? I am not a subscriber but the Daddy of a subscriber.

I want to say in regard to the family money that what will work in one family might fail in another. In my case I tried them all and they all failed so we dissolved partnership. I am a firm believer in equal rights but, like charity, it begins at home. If there is any place that equal rights should be practiced

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Comfort Sisters' Recipes

THE ready response to my request for recipes is very gratifying, for this month it was a regular shower of favorite recipes, from almost every State in the Union, and including everything from cider jelly (in spite of the 18th Amendment) to chocolate roll. Fussy indeed must be the person who cannot find something pleasing, as well as economical among the lot. My thanks to all who were kind enough to send these recipes. Here are some of them.—Ed.

VALENTINE CROQUETTES.—Two cups of finely chopped ham, two unbeaten raw eggs, two cups of bread-crumbs just moistened with cold water, season-pepper and powdered sage. Beat all together and if the mixture is too dry to handle, add a little cold water. Wet the form mixture into heart shapes inch thick and roll in flour. Fry a rich



VALENTINE CROQUETTE.

of celery cut to form an arrow and press nearly upright in center of croquette.

EGG TOAST.—Cut inch slices of stale bread into heart shapes, remove centers to correspond with outer edge, dip in cold milk and drain then in lightly beaten egg, and fry in the croquette fat.

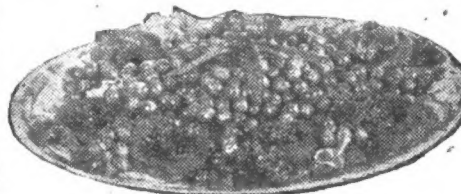
CIDER JELLY.—Take two quarts of cider and let it come to a boil and stir in two quarts of sugar, gradually, until it thickens. Keep the juice hot and stir it until the sugar is all dissolved. Remove from stove and put into glasses.—ANCHER YOUNG WIFE, Virginia.

CHOCOLATE ROLL.—Cream together three eggs, one cup of sugar, two tablespoons of butter and two tablespoons of milk. Mix one teaspoon of baking powder with one cup of flour. Stir both mixtures together and add one teaspoon of vanilla. Bake in a long tin. Turn on sugared paper and spread with chocolate filling and roll as you would a jelly roll.

FILLING.—Two squares of chocolate, melted, one half cup of sugar, one half cup of cream. Stir well and add one half teaspoon butter, two teaspoons corn-starch mixed with one half cup of milk. Stir constantly until the mixture boils, then beat until smooth when it is ready to spread on cake. This should be done while cake is warm.—MRS. OLIVE HESTON, Highland, Ill.

MEAT PIE.—Take one and one half pound of ground mutton, beef or veal, one finely chopped onion, season to taste, and enough canned tomatoes to make as thin as cake batter. Have bread dough ready and roll out one half inch thick and cut in six- or eight-inch squares. Place a portion of the mixture in each square and fold over and place in greased bread tin and let rise for three quarters of an hour. Then bake until dough is a nice light brown.

VEGETABLE SALAD.—This dish may be made from all kinds of cold cooked vegetables, such as Lima or string beans, carrots, turnip, onions, peas, cauliflower, beets, etc. Celery, cucumbers and green peppers add



VEGETABLE SALAD.

flavor and crispness. They should be cut fine and served very cold to get the best flavor. The French cook when making a vegetable salad will rub the inside of salad bowl with a slice of raw onion.

ITALIAN STEW.—Take one pound of any desired stew meat and fry in shortening. When well browned, add half-a-dozen onions, finely chopped, and several sticks of celery, cut into small pieces, and let cook until brown. Then add about three quarters of a cup of canned tomatoes, salt and pepper to season and a dash of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. Let boil one hour. Add water to keep it from burning. Any of the following ingredients are added to finish stew. With pork, use ripe olives and potatoes. With beef, potatoes and canned peas. With chicken, mushrooms. Rosemary is always used by us in pork; and garlic and chopped parsley before we put in the final vegetables.

PICKLED MEAT.—To pickle pork, put the spareribs, back bones or pieces of meat into a jar. Pack tightly. To every gallon of water used add one pound of salt, one half pound of brown sugar and one tablespoon of black pepper. Boil all together and pour over meat while it is boiling hot. Let set for three days, then pour brine off, boil and pour over the meat again. Be sure the brine covers the meat. Set in cool, dry place. Beef put up in this way will keep almost any length of time. The sugar preserves the meat and at the same time kills the taste of salt and it is almost like fresh meat.—MRS. W. C. LYNN, Bethesda, Ohio.

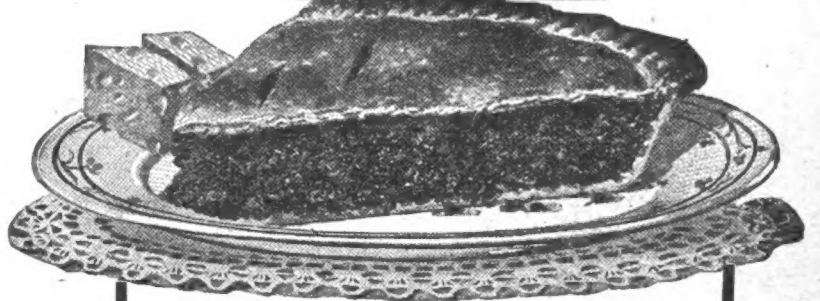
QUEEN OF PUDDINGS.—Soak one pint of fine bread-crumbs in one quart of fresh milk for three quarters of an hour. Beat the yolks of four eggs until light, and then beat in one cup of sugar and add to milk and crumbs, with the juice and grated rind of half a large lemon. Bake in a pudding dish in a moderate



QUEEN OF PUDDINGS.

oven thirty-five minutes. Whip the whites of four eggs until light and frothy, then add four tablespoons of powdered sugar and beat again until dry and stiff. Spread a layer over the pudding, then dot generously with firm jelly, and add the remainder of white of eggs. Return to oven and lightly brown. This pudding may be eaten warm or cold.

CABBAGE TAMALES.—Use either beef, veal or mutton. I take one and one half pounds of ground beef, one cup of rice (well washed) and one half can of tomatoes. Salt and pepper to taste. Mix well, then take cabbage leaves from head of cabbage that has been wilted in boiling water. Roll about two tablespoons in a leaf and place in kettle until you have used all the mixture. If there is any cabbage left, that should be added also, with the remaining half can of tomatoes. Put plate, weighted, on top so the leaves won't come unrolled. Add one quart of water and more if needed to cover well and boil one hour.—MRS. E. L. ZIMMERMAN, Kemmerer, Wyo.



Mince Pie

"Like Mother
Used to Make"

is only one of the nourishing,
delicious dishes you can make with
little labor from

NONE SUCH MINCE MEAT

If you like to delight your family with
new and wholesome dishes, look over
these recipes.

You can, for instance, break the deadly
sameness of breakfast by serving hot
None Such Gems with the morning coffee.
You won't bake enough of them the first
time, nor probably the second time. They
disappear very fast.

Then there are None Such Sandwiches for
luncheon—nourishing, and easy to make; and None
Such Stuffed Tomato, that looks good and tastes
better; and once your family has tasted one of the
None Such Jellies or Desserts, that particular dessert
will be called for loudly again and again.

These are all appetizing and wholesome, and None
Such adds body and flavor to the stuffing for duck
and other game; but don't forget to bake a
batch of mince pies for the family once in a while to
make them remember they're at home. What is
home without a piping-hot mince pie every now
and then?

TRY THESE RECIPES

None Such Pudding.—(Recipe for using left-over
biscuits) 4 or 6 biscuits; 1 cupful dark corn-syrup; 1-4 cupful
brown sugar; 1-4 cupful butter substitute; 2 egg-yolks; 1 1-2
cupfuls of None Such Mince Meat; 2 egg-whites.
Soak biscuits in warm water until soft and add the other
ingredients in the order given. Beat egg-yolks thoroughly before
adding. Mix ingredients completely, put in a well-oiled baking
dish and bake thirty minutes in a moderate oven. Make a
meringue of the egg-whites, heap it on the pudding and allow to
brown in the oven.

None Such Jelly for Dessert.—1 package Jiffy-Jell (either
lemon, orange, or loganberry), nuts and None Such Mince
Meat. Before serving, cover top with whipped cream, sprinkle
with finely chopped nuts and place a cherry in center.

None Such Gems.—Make a pie-crust dough. Use gem pans,
greasing them as usual. Roll dough moderately thick. Line
each gem pan with dough in the same manner as for pie, fill
with None Such Mince Meat thickened with flour. Make a
covering of dough. Serve hot.

None Such Sandwiches.—Cut slices very thin. Make a
filling of None Such Mince Meat, to which may be added
onions, celery, pimientos. Use crisp lettuce leaf.

Tomato Stuffed with None Such.—Scoop out tomato.
Mix None Such Mince Meat, celery, green peppers and onions.
Fill the scooped-out tomato and serve, after chilling, on a plate
garnished with parsley.

None Such Salad.—None Such Mince Meat, oranges, grapes,
celery and marshmallow. Chill and serve on lettuce leaf.

None Such Relish.—Mix None Such Mince Meat with green
or red peppers and onions.

Oatmeal Cookies with None Such Filling.—Cookies:
1 cup sugar, 1 cup shortening, 3 cups oatmeal, 3 cups flour,
1-2 cup milk, and 1 teaspoonful of soda. Filling: None Such
Mince Meat—2 cups; 1 cup water. Boil till thick and spread
between cookies.

NOTE.—None Such Mince Meat, prepared in the same manner
as for mince pie, is the basis for all these recipes. Use it ac-
cording to the directions. Try some of the other recipes sug-
gested on the None Such package.

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None Such Pudding



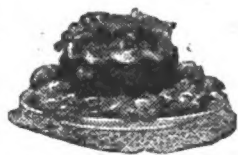
None Such Jelly
For Dessert



None Such Gems



None Such Sandwiches



Tomato Stuffed with
None Such



None Such Salad



None Such Relish



Oatmeal Cookies with
None Such Filling

Driven Apart

by Julia Edwards



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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Nicholas Berdyne, past middle age, his face marred by dissipation, schemes with Hartley Trenwyck to win Beryl Grayson, whose father is dead. She is engaged to Neil Preston, who goes to Alaska in the interest of a mine owned by Grayson and which falls into Berdyne's hands. Neil Preston is reported dead by Dave Gorsline, who is hired by Berdyne to tell Beryl. In her sorrow and loss of wealth, she refuses continued aid from Berdyne. Mr. Jackman from Denver, wanting to repay a debt owed to Beryl's father, invites Beryl to his ranch, where she forms a friendship for Tonita, a beautiful Mexican girl, who advises her not to marry Berdyne through any mistaken idea of gratitude. Irma Lee, discarded by Berdyne, warns Beryl that he serves his own selfish purpose and that Neil Preston lives and is on his way to Jackman's Ranch. Berdyne, persistent that Beryl shall become his wife, Neil Preston, overhearing her denunciation of his baseness and treachery and refusing to marry him, confronts Berdyne who swears he will follow his trail. The day Beryl Grayson becomes Berdyne's wife, Morley Preston, opposed to Neil's marriage, will tender Trenwyck a check for five thousand dollars and Berdyne will give a like sum. He admits Beryl's trust in Jackman and that the letter written offering her the home was inspired by him, that he holds a heavy mortgage on the Jackman ranch, and with this knowledge they plot to separate the lovers who plan to be married the following day. Jackman, a tool in Berdyne's and Trenwyck's hands, drugs the wine which he gives Beryl when he drinks with her to her happiness, and she, feeling dizzy and faint, goes to her room and the door is locked. Neil Preston, returning for Beryl, meets Tonita. Approaching Jackman's house, an automobile is in waiting and a man with Beryl in his arms appears from the house and lifts her into the car. Preston strikes him down, and taking the auto, with Tonita, they make their escape through the night for San Francisco. Trenwyck advises Berdyne not to go too far. Not to be foiled in capturing Beryl, they take an early train to San Francisco, wiring Gorsline to watch for the auto, the Red Flyer, which he locates near the residence of a minister, who is called early to perform a marriage ceremony, which is scarcely over, when there is a summons from the door. Berdyne enters, and Neil, struggling to defend his wife, reels and falls to the floor amid the chaos of an earthquake, while Beryl is borne helplessly away. Making her escape, she wanders back to Pine Street, searching the wrecked house in vain for her husband.

CHAPTER XIV.

NEIL BEGINS HIS SEARCH.

NEIL drifted back to life as out of a horrid dream. The supreme joy that had been his was blurred and blotted by the awful cataclysm that had shaken the minister's home like a house of cards. He dimly realized what must have happened, but he remembered only the rap on the door, Tonita's announcement that Berdyne was without, Beryl's outstretched hands and loving, pleading face, then the crash as the avalanche of masonry crunched its way through roof and ceiling. Now he awoke to find a white bandage about his temples, and himself lying on a mattress on the floor of a great hall.

On every side of him were mattresses and improvised cots. Anxious-faced women were moving about, ministering to those who suffered, or assisting physicians in their work of mercy. Here and there a white sheet spread over a silent form told a gruesome story that sent a shudder to Neil's heart. He lifted himself on one elbow, and a nurse, observing his movements, hurried toward him.

"Is there something you want?" the nurse asked.

"My wife," returned Neil, continuing to peer about him. "Is she here?"

"You were brought here by a young lady who hurried away as soon as the doctor told her you were not seriously hurt."

"Hurried away?" repeated Neil blankly.

"Yes. The young lady seemed in great excitement. She brought you in a wagon, which carried a number of other injured people from Pine Street. Do you feel better, sir?"

"There does not seem to be anything the matter with me."

The nurse smiled indulgently. "You had a narrow escape," she said. "A brick from a falling chimney struck you a glancing blow on the head."

"But the young lady who brought me here," he persisted; "what was she like?"

"She was very dark—"

"Ah! It must have been Tonita."

"She looked like a Mexican girl, sir."

"How long have I been here?"

"Not more than an hour. This is the Mechanics' Pavilion, in temporary use as a hospital."

"There has been an earthquake?"

"The city, it is feared, has been destroyed."

"Beryl, my Beryl!" groaned Neil. "I wonder what has become of her while I have been lying here unconscious?"

He had not seen Berdyne when the latter swept into the parlor of the minister's home and bore Beryl from the room. At that moment he was lying prostrate and senseless.

"Perhaps," said the nurse, drawing a scrap of paper from her bosom, "this will give you some news of her you would find. It was left by the Mexican girl."

Neil took the folded paper, read it, and a low moan was wrenched from his tortured spirit.

The note was indeed from the Mexicana, and, although very brief, was of startling import:

"SENIOR PRESTON: Berdyne has carried away our poor, dear Beryl. He used the automobile, and swept away with her under our stricken eyes. The city is in a turmoil, and search will be difficult; but, nevertheless, I go to do what I can. TONITA."

The paper fluttered from Neil's nerveless fingers, and he fell back on the cot, his face in his hands. Was there no defeating the vile plans of Berdyne? Was he to triumph, after all?

But, no! Beryl was now Neil's wife! In the midst of his grief Neil took some comfort from the thought. His pure, innocent darling would be saved from the crafty snare of that fiend in human form, and he—Neil—was the one to do it.

In a flash his mood changed, and he arose to his feet with a face full of fierce determination.

"Do you think you had better leave?" asked the nurse pityingly.

In the brief period of the temporary hospital had been in operation, she had beheld much misery and learned of many broken hopes, yet no case had impressed her more deeply than that of this strong, noble young man whose bride of a moment had been snatched while he lay unconscious.

"I am no weakling," answered Neil, "and there can be no rest for me while my hapless darling is in the hands of one like this man Berdyne."

He took his hat, thanked her for what she had done, left a twenty-dollar bill in her hands to help on the good work of the hospital, and fared away in his search for Beryl.

A mighty task lay before him, as he realized as soon as he had reached the street and saw the devastation that surrounded him, but love was his inspiration. And when was there ever a task which love pronounced impossible? Heaven itself would be his Beryl's safeguard, and eternal justice would point him on!

Whether should he turn his steps? He could think of no place but the house in Pine Street. Perhaps in that place he would be able to pick up some clue which would lead him swiftly and surely to Berdyne. And, when he once found the man—His strong right hand clenched with the thought, and his handsome face flamed with righteous wrath.

"I will find her," he murmured, over and over, "I will find her!"

As he took his way along Larkin Street, wending northward through crowds of stony-faced, half-dressed men and women, he observed a high structure on his right—a bony framework surmounted by a dome and rising out of a tangled heap of disrupted masonry. It was the ghost of the once lordly city hall, and his soul shuddered at the completeness of the ruin. Here and there he could see little spirals of smoke ascending, and he learned from those he passed that fires were starting and that the broken mains rendered the fire fighters helpless. The only way to fight the flames was with powder and dynamite, and he heard blast after blast from the regions around him.

He saw the gallant soldiers from the Presidio, who had appeared on the scene as if by magic, marching their measured beats; he saw a ghoul attempting to strip a dead body, and heard a shot from a soldier's rifle, which laid the robber lifeless across the form he had been despoiling; he heard women crying aloud for husbands and children, and he saw men searching frantically for the dear ones from whom they had become separated. Again and again soldiers turned him aside from the direct course he was following toward Pine Street.

His heart sickened with the thought that Beryl was abroad in that stricken city, worse off by far than if she had been alone. He groaned in his anguish and prayer to the Father to direct him, to guide him quickly to the place where his love and his vengeance might accomplish their double purpose.

His silent prayers were answered in part, in a way that seemed well-nigh miraculous. In Jones Street he came upon the wreck of an automobile. The car had been wrecked by a toppling wall, an immense stone having crushed the machinery forward of the front seat.

The flaming red of the car struck him as familiar, and his heart leaped with the discovery, a moment later, that it was the Red Flyer.

Berdyne's flight with his helpless victim had been interrupted. If compelled to proceed on foot, then Beryl could have appealed to those around her, and it would have been impossible for Berdyne to hold her against her will. How slight a thing will sometimes give ground for hope! Neil took heart of grace, and pressed onward toward Pine Street with feverish eagerness.

He came at last to his destination. The awful ruin of the minister's house filled him with horror. His darling could not be there; nevertheless, he would have gone dumbly into the falling structure in the vain hope that some clue might have been left for him.

"Halt!" cried a stern voice.

He whirled to find an infantryman grimly approaching him.

"It is necessary for me to go in there!" cried Neil. "I will take the chances."

"I will not allow you to enter," was the determined reply. "Stand back!"

"Sir," said Neil, "I was taken from there unconscious directly after the first great shock, and I have only now come from the Mechanics' Pavilion, which has been turned into a hospital. I am seeking—"

A strange light gleamed in the soldier's eyes. "You are seeking your wife?" he interrupted.

"Yes, yes!" came from Neil eagerly.

"A beautiful girl with hair like gold, and—"

"Ah!" Neil cried, his heart almost bursting with the hope that suddenly filled it. "You have seen her?"

"She was here," said the soldier, "and she forced her way into the house in spite of me, to look for you."

"Then she is in there, and—"

"No, no!" The soldier caught his arm, and held him back by main strength. "She came out, looking like one whose brain had been turned by some terrible disappointment. She left—not more than five minutes since."

"Ah, Heaven!" groaned Neil, in despair. Then, recovering, he asked: "Which way did she go?"

The soldier pointed.

"She was alone?" demanded Neil.

"Yes."

He started off hurriedly in the direction the soldier had indicated.

"If she comes back," he called as he hastened on, "have her go to Golden Gate Park. Tell her that I am well, and that I will find her!"

But Beryl did not return while that soldier was on duty. Later in the day the fire drove the soldier away, and there was not even a ruin for Beryl to return to for the words of good cheer which the boy in blue was keeping for her.

Beryl and Neil were hopelessly entangled in the destruction of the great city.

CHAPTER XV.

PORTSMOUTH SQUARE.

The presence of the regulars from the Presidio had made looting a dangerous occupation. Twice the ghoulish Dave Gorsline had been fired at, and he had so narrowly missed being hit by the bullets that he had thought best to give up his pilfering operations—at least for the time. He had profited largely, however, and his pockets were heavy with rings, watches, brooches, silver and gold. Wherever he had seen a helpless fellow creature, he had pounced upon him like a harpy and wrenched away his valuables with brutal haste.

Once the depraved wretch had been pursued, and had only escaped by darting into a pretentious dwelling on Sutter Street. This house had withstood the great shock admirably. Windows were broken, chimneys had fallen and part of the room had tumbled in, but the walls still stood. The occupants had deserted the place, and Gorsline, who had the courage of the sneak thief and the prowler, took his ease in the place for a while. He lounged on rich divans, raided a pantry for cold food, and a sideboard for wine and cigars, and sighed to think that he could not appropriate the silver and some of the luxurious furnishings.

In due course he sallied forth once more, but found the soldiers thicker than ever. Presently he found himself in Portsmouth Square, and under the menacing shadow of the Hall of Justice. He shook his dirty fist at the building, then drew back in awe as a file of men came from the near-by morgue, bearing sheeted forms which were being placed in hastily improvised graves. It was after nine o'clock, and the morgue was in danger of fire.

As Gorsline turned away from the grisly spectacle, he felt a hand on his shoulder. He whirled like a cat, fearing an officer; then his fears subsided in a raucous laugh.

"Trenwyck!" he exclaimed.

The lawyer's face bore traces of excitement.

"Where's Berdyne?" he asked. "Do you know?"

"Not me," answered Gorsline. "He went off down Pine Street in that gasoline wagon of his, takin' the girl with him. I thought you was out of the city by this time."

Trenwyck's excitement increased. He paid no attention to Gorsline's last remark, as there was something else in his crafty mind.

"If Berdyne took Beryl Grayson away with him," said he, "then something must have gone wrong."

"How do you figure it?" queried Gorsline.

"Why, because the girl is here, in Portsmouth Square!"

The ruffian flashed the lawyer a startled look with his small, beady eyes.

"Sure o' that, Trenwyck?"

"I can't be mistaken."

"Is the gal alone?"

"Yes. What do you suppose happened to Berdyne?"

"Ask me somethin' easy."

"If we had some place to take the girl," muttered Trenwyck, "and if we could get word to Berdyne—"

"How are we goin' to get word to any one in a town all shook up like this?" grunted the ruffian.

"Berdyne has a yacht off Sausalito, and—"

"Take me close, so's I can get a good look at the gal," interrupted Gorsline. "Mebby you've made a mistake."

The square was thronging with Chinamen who had poured out of Chinatown, which lay away to the west. Each Oriental had a heap of his personal effects with him, and by threading their way among the Celestials and their piles of goods it was easy for the two scoundrels to approach the Stevenson Memorial, near which the girl Trenwyck had in mind was sitting.

It was really poor Beryl, whose weary wanderings had carried her to that place. Again the net of fate was spreading to enmesh her. The blows of adversity, which had been rained upon her suffering spirit, had benumbed her faculties. When she had left the ruins of the minister's home, she knew not whither she was going, nor cared. On reaching the square, thronged with its motley refugees, she had become conscious of overwhelming fatigue, and had sunk down to rest on the first convenient object that offered.

The wistfulness and grief that were mirrored in her sweet face would have touched a heart of stone; but the hard, cruel natures of the two plotters were incapable of pity. Beryl was sitting on a trunk, leaning against another which stood upright behind her. One of her hands was raised to her face, and the rare gem Neil had given her sparkled its lure in the eyes of the heartless ghoul.

"Berdyne will certainly not leave the city while the girl is here," whispered Trenwyck.

"I know him too well. Unless he is too badly injured, or dead, you may rest assured that he is searching for her this minute. If there was some place to which we could take her until we could find Berdyne, I should be in favor of it."

"In the first place," muttered Gorsline, "we may never find Berdyne."

"That goes without saying. And yet, we may."

"I know of a house on Sutter Street that held together pretty well, an' there ain't no one in the place. If we could get her there, we might run our chances o' findin' Berdyne. If we didn't find him, and things got too hot, we could let the gal go."

"I don't think she will know me," said Trenwyck cunningly; "and I believe I can turn the trick and get her to go to the house you mention. It's a safe house, is it?" he added anxiously.

"I've no mind to let a chimney or a wall tumble on top of me. I was frightened out of my senses when the shock began."

"You haven't got much sand, Trenwyck," returned Gorsline, with an evil grin. "How'll you get the gal to come to the place?"

"Trust me for that. She looks as though she was crazed and half out of her mind."

"That may help you."

"How aw I to find this house you speak of? That's the point."

"Get the gal to come with you, and I'll keep jest ahead—far enough so she won't see an' reckonize me, but not so far but what you can keep me in sight. See? When I turn into the house you turn in there, too."

"We'll try it," said the scoundrelly Trenwyck.

Gorsline stood where he was and watched, his greedy eyes still on the precious stone that flashed on Beryl's finger. Trenwyck stepped forward, halted in front of a woman whose painted face and bold eyes told her character, alas! only too well, and asked:

"Pardon me, but are you Miss Beryl Grayson?"

I am seeking a person of that name who was recently in Pine Street, and who has become separated from her friends."

The woman crouching on a wooden box looked up into Trenwyck's face with a flippant leer. Nevertheless, his ruse succeeded. Beryl heard the crafty lawyer's question, and, in her distraught state, failed to perceive the artifice of such a random query. A flash of hope and understanding crossed her lovely face.

"Sir, she spoke up eagerly, 'I am, or was, Miss Beryl Grayson. Oh, tell me quickly why you seek me!'"

She did not recognize Trenwyck. Indeed, while the lawyer was at Sunset Ranch she had scarcely seen him, and had not once met him face to face.

With a pleased look on his face, Trenwyck stepped up to Beryl.

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IF you want a lot of fun, give a "Hearty Party" on the evening of the fourteenth of February. This is not a great deal of trouble and always affords a good deal of wholesome excitement for the young folks and is fun to prepare for. Even the invitations should be different from the usual thing and be intended to mystify the expected guests and make them curious. So let them take the form of hearts cut from red cardboard or from stiff white paper with a little red crepe paper pasted on the back, but get the red cardboard if you can for this is the most effective. On the red cardboard write in violet ink or on the white paper in ordinary black ink the following effusion:

"Here's a hearty invite
For St. Valentine's night.
Bring your heart and I'll bring mine,
There'll be hearts of every kind,
Hearts of red and hearts of blue
And hearts of other colors, too.
Hearts that are sweet and hearts that are sour,
Hard hearts and dear hearts and hearts made
of flour.

At eight o'clock just lift the latch,
You may get out without a scratch
Or maybe you will make a match.

P. S. My house is all rigged up for you,
So don't refuse whatever you do.

Near the top of the right-hand lobe of the heart write your name and address, or, if the party is to be given by a young ladies' society at the Grange Hall or parish house of a church or in the town hall, write the name of the society and where the party is to be held and if there is to be a small price asked for admission write that also. In this case, line twelve of the verses must be changed right after the "P. S." from "My house" to "The hall," which will make it appropriate. Enclose each heart in an ordinary envelope, but paste a tiny red heart on the back like a seal.

If the affair is given by a society to raise a little money I think it will be much better not to charge any entrance fee, but make the money by charging for refreshments and for taking part in the pastimes I am going to tell you about. Before I forget, I want to say that there is no reason why the party should begin as late as eight o'clock, and if it is held by a society, six o'clock is a better time, and of course the invitation can be just as easily changed to read "six" as "eight."

But whether the party is given in your own home or in a hall, decorate the place a little so that it looks festive. This puts the guests in the right mood as soon as they enter the doors and everything goes off better in consequence. It won't cost much to do this as red paper is not expensive and anybody can cut out hearts large and small. Branches of pine, spruce, fir or other evergreen trees interspersed with hearts look very gay, indeed. In a prominent place tack up an enormous heart as large as a barrel head, put some pine tassels on it or better still, if you can get them, a bunch of pine cones, and underneath, right across the heart, print in big letters, "I AM PINING FOR YOU." Of course, anything else appropriate to St. Valentine can be used in the decorations. Old lace paper valentines, figures of Cupid, tiny bows and arrows, darts cut out of gold paper, etc., are all appropriate. Next get a small evergreen tree, or, if you cannot easily procure this, use branches tied firmly together and solidly mounted in a wooden box filled with stones and earth. Or, lacking any of these things, use a small kitchen clothes-horse with the rods painted green, or, if wanted for use again, covered with green crepe paper put on in stripes wound around it and held in place with paste. This, or the evergreen tree, is the Heart Tree, and on it are hung hearts of all colors cut from paper with a different fortune pasted on the back of each one. On the heart cut from gold paper is written:

Good as gold and wealthy, too,
Is the girl (or man) who's meant for you.

The red heart reads:
Now the fire of love will start
Red and glowing in your heart.

The green heart declares:
Through the country, through the town,
He (or she) is searching for you up and down.

The inscriptic on the blue heart is:
Your love is loyal, always true,
Is the fortune of the blue.

On the pale blue is written:
Bright blue eyes and brownest hair,
Has the one your home will share.

The pink heart says:
A rosy future you will claim,
Don't you wish you knew his (her) name?

Lastly, the purple heart proclaims:
Crown of laurel, robe of fame,
Has your partner in life's game.

Of course, if the party is too large you will need a great many more hearts than these, so duplicate some of the fortunes, and on others discard poetry and write a line or two right to the point in prose. Such as, "You will marry soon, but your partner will have red hair and a mean disposition," or, "Cupid is saving someone for you with the best heart in the world and a lot of good sense, too." In writing these things try, whenever you can, to make them apply to either sex, but when this cannot be conveniently done put in two words, as, for instance, "Your future husband (wife) is waiting for you just around the corner." It is impossible to separate the sexes in this game and either a man or woman can pull a heart from the tree. Then besides all these, there are on the tree hearts cut from cotton batting, labeled,

"Your sweetheart has a soft heart"; hearts cut from red cardboard and torn across and worded, "A broken heart"; hearts of sandpaper, labeled, "Rough but useful"; a heart cut from tin or lead and labeled, "A heavy heart"; a heart with a feather stuck on it for a "Light heart"; a candy heart labeled, "A regular sweetheart", and so on.

The Heart Tree, which presents a very gay appearance with its bright-colored burden, stands on the floor or is planted in a flower pot and placed on a table, according to the size both of the tree and the number of guests at the party. Each person is blindfolded and led to the tree, from which he or she must pick the first heart the hand touches. After the fortunes have been read and laughed over, an old-fashioned but very jolly heart game can be played. This has no name but is played exactly like the old-time "Donkey Party." Perhaps you remember how in your childhood you tried vainly to pin the donkey's tail in the right place. Well, in this case, a big heart takes the place of the much abused donkey and the idea is for the guests to pin a tiny heart in the exact center of it. They must of course be blindfolded one at a time and whoever gets his heart in the proper position receives a small prize.

Have several small tables scattered through the room at which different heart games are to be played.

At one table provide squares of clean white cardboard, with ink and pens, pencils or colored crayons, and see which pair can within the given time prepare the most attractive valentine. The verse and the pen and ink or crayon decoration are originated by the players and executed by them. Or you might have the man write the verse and the girl draw or paint the decoration. Have several squares on the tables in order that those who finish before the time is up and who wish to do so, may try to improve upon their first efforts.

At another table arrange a contest to see who can form most other words out of the word valentine. Each word so formed counts one point, but words of sentiment or relating to the occasion are to be rewarded with five points each, and the one who wins the most points gets a prize.

Another that is novel is Floating Hearts. Cut from celluloid, preferably pink, a quantity of tiny hearts each with a perforation in it to be used in fishing. Set these little shapes afloat in a bowl of water, and let the players fish for them, counting one point for each heart caught. Improvise little fishing poles with sticks, red string or baby ribbon and little gilt hooks attached to the ribbon.

Then, if this is not enough for the evening's entertainment and you want the affair to end with something elaborate, why not play "Cupid's Arrows"? Make up as many heart frames out of wire as there are guests. Cover these for the men with red tissue paper and those for the women with white. Make enough "darts" to go around. Make them out of heavy cardboard box covers and cut them arrow shaped—they should be made double and glued or stretched together to make them heavier. They can be thrown with the hand like any dart. You may paint the wooden tips red and gild the cardboard shaft if you like.

Hang up the tissue paper hearts on a wire or string stretched across a corner of the room or between double doors, because the object is to throw the darts through the hearts and if they are against the wall the darts will not go through. The darts are covered on both sides with paper and when making them a small envelope containing a fortune is hidden inside between the two thicknesses of tissue paper.

Go to the magazines for the pictures to be used in these valentine "fortunes" for the game is that, tucked away in these envelopes, are the pictures of the future husbands and wives of the guests. Worlds of fun may be had in preparing these. For the men, cut out little pictures of charming young women, perhaps a ballet dancer, a face-cream advertisement girl, and be sure and get one or two pictures of old witches or women as ugly as possible.

For the ladies, cut out the men shown in the advertisements, one of a man shaving, his face all lather, one of a very fat man, also some pictures of soldiers, sailors, clothes advertising men, one of a man advertising some well-known brand of underwear, some old baldheaded man, etc. Paste these on little cards and put them in envelopes.

Give each guest a dart, let the ladies shoot at the red hearts first. Give them five chances if they miss, but if they fail after five chances it means that they cannot shoot again and they will be old maids. Then let the men throw the darts. As soon as the dart goes through the tissue paper—one guest at a time throwing so as to avoid confusion—he owns the envelope in it and pulls the heart down. If it is a home party, the hostess should tell the guests not to open the envelopes but wait until the contest is over and then write each guest's name under the picture won and pin them up on the wall for all to see.

The refreshments served should be in heart shape as much as possible. Cut the sandwich bread in the shape of plump hearts and use cream cheese, potted ham or tongue, canned salmon or something a little soft to stick them together. It is pretty to have one side of the heart of graham or brown-bread and one of white. Have heart-shaped cookies covered with a pretty pink frosting, tinted with the juice from a can of preserved strawberries or cherries. This not only looks very pretty indeed, but tastes delicious. Creamed oysters or creamed chicken decorated with scarlet hearts cut from sweet red peppers are also appreciated. You can always get these peppers canned if those "fresh" from the cold storage warehouse are not available. Cakes in heart shape, jellies made in a heart-shaped mould, ice-cream in heart shapes, can all be served. Lemonade, orangeade, grape-juice, punch or coffee make suitable drinks. Salad may be served, if you prefer it to the hot dishes mentioned, but when you make it, don't forget to cut out a heart from a pickled beet to decorate each plate.

In selecting a prize for the valentine affair, one's purse is the first thing to be considered,

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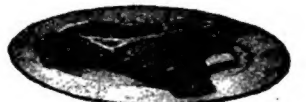
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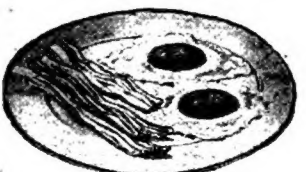
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"YOU must rap louder if you are to rouse Cubby Bear," said Minnie Mink to Furry Otter. "A gentle tapping like that will not wake him from his sound winter sleep."

"He may not come out, after all," said Furry Otter, "but I shall try to coax him."

He rapped louder at Cubby Bear's window, calling, "Cubby! Cubby Bear! Wake up! Do you hear me?"

A fretful grumbling was heard inside, then a sleepy voice called, "It is winter, and time for sleeping. Please go away, and leave me alone, whoever you may be!"

"But, Cubby Bear," called Furry Otter. "Please do not go to sleep again yet! Wake up! I shall not half enjoy my party without you—do, please, tell me you will come!"

"A party!" cried Cubby Bear, and they heard him scrambling out of his warm bed. He came to the window, and threw it open. He was wide awake now. "A party!" he repeated, "and in the cold winter time!"

"Ah, but see what a fine night it is!" said Minnie Mink. "And the weather is mild for winter."

The snow-covered forest was lighted by a smiling silver moon, which rode high in the dark-blue, cloudless sky. Thousands of bright stars were twinkling gaily, winking at Cubby Bear in the most friendly manner.

"Tell me about it," he said.

"It is a coasting party," explained Furry Otter. "I have been getting ready for it for days, and have a beautiful, smooth slide on a little hillside by the Big Brook, not far above Busy Beaver's lodge. The company is gathering now, and I must hurry back. I did not invite you before, because I knew you would not like to be disturbed more than once."

"Get on your earmuffs and your red mittens, and come along with us," said Minnie Mink.

"My relatives have come from far and near," Furry Otter told Cubby, as they were on their way to the hill. "First, we shall slide as we like, to get in practice, and then there will be a coasting contest, and a prize will be given to the one who reaches the end of the slide the greatest number of times before the judge tells us to stop."

"What is a prize?" asked Cubby.

"Oh, a marvelous thing!" said Furry Otter; "the colors of the stars, all shining and beautiful. Busy Beaver gave it to me. He has had it in his lodge since last summer. Shinyblack Crow found it in the road, and gave it to him. Robbie Reddie, who does not fear to go about the village freely, says he has seen similar things hanging from ladies' ears."

"Ah!" said Minnie Mink, with a shake of her head, "human beings have such strange and unbelievable customs!"

Before they reached the hillside, they could hear the happy laughter and shouts of the coasters. It was a gay sight. Cubby Bear was surprised at the number of otters. He had seen none beside his friend, Furry Otter, before.

Busy Beaver and Brother Binney Beaver were there, Molly Muskrat, Foxy Reynard, Dr. Squilly Porcupine, curled up in a spikey ball, and Chirpy Chipmunk, who was skipping about briskly, trying to keep warm. Bunny Rabbit had not been able to come, as the Bunny Babies were sick with colds.

They drew near, to watch the coasters. Starting at the top of the little hill, all four paws spread out, they flew down the icy slide, going with a tremendous splash into the cold waters of the Big Brook at the foot of the hill. Cubby, watching them, gasped and shivered. Then, springing out, away they darted, up the hill at one side of the place where they went down, to slide again.

It was exciting sport. Otters were coasting past in quick succession, and Cubby Bear saw Busy Beaver and Mollie Muskrat go scooting by.

"Shall you slide, Cubby?" asked a voice at his elbow, and he turned, to find Racky Coon standing beside him.

"No; oh, no!" answered Cubby. "I have no mind to go splashing into the icy cold water in winter!"

"It is great sport," Minnie Mink assured him. "The exercise keeps one warm. Watch me!" And with a wave of her paw, she started off to join the merry-makers.

A young otter who was passing and had heard what was said, stopped, and looked at Cubby Bear with an unpleasant laugh.

"The bear slide!" he cried. "Not he! I laugh to think of it—with his slow, sleepy awkwardness! Why, he could not even get to the top of the hill. And as for diving in the brook—he would not dare!"

Cubby Bear looked at the otter in surprise, his face flushing beneath its furry covering. He was not used to such unkind remarks.

"Go on, Cubby. Do it!" urged little Chirpy Chipmunk.

"If you are still sleepy, it will wake you up," whispered Furry Otter.

"Show the rude stranger you are not afraid," said Brother Binney Beaver. "Come up the hill with me, and I will show you how to start."

Cubby hesitated. The steep glare of ice looked

chance of learning. Down he went over the ice, and plunged into the Big Brook, so quickly he had no time to steer, or even to think.

The water closed over his head. Oh, he must breathe!

Why was he so foolish as to let a stranger laugh him into such a mad adventure as this? He struggled to the surface, gasping wildly. But here was good Brother Binney Beaver in the water beside him.

"Quick, Cubby!" he called, seizing him in a strong, helpful grasp. We must climb out, for others are coming."

They scrambled out, and Cubby shook the water from his shaggy coat.

"I will go again," he said, and shutting his teeth firmly together to keep them from chattering, he started to climb the hill once more.

"Good!" cried Brother Binney, and from the crowd of lookers-on, a cheer arose.

The second slide was not so terrifying, and when old Grandfather Otter, who was to time the race, called, in a high, squeaky voice, "Attention! the coasting contest will now commence!" Cubby determined to do his best to win. He took his place with the others at the top of the hill.

Sammy Otter was just beside him.

"You racing!" he jeered. "Ho, ho! why, everybody knows I shall win the prize. Even the other otters have no chance against me!"

Cubby made no reply, but stood ready with muscles strained, to start at the word "Go."

Down over the ice—into the water—out on the bank—tearing up the hill at their best speed—around and around and around went the racers in dizzying circles, while the watchers craned their necks to see, and shouted themselves hoarse.

Cubby Bear was out of breath, every muscle ached, he could not see clearly for the water in his eyes, it seemed as though he must drop out of the race, but still he did not give up. He must not let that Sammy Otter get an inch ahead of him!

Slide—splash—climb! Slide—splash—climb! Was this a wild dream that he must laugh at next spring? What was it? He grew confused, but he did not stop, for Sammy Otter might pass him!

Slide—splash—climb! "Time's up!" squeaked Grandfather Otter, just as Cubby plunged beneath the water.

A hard thump on the head confused and hurt him, and he cried out—it was Sammy Otter, who had made the plunge just behind him!

Then what a shout went up from the little people of the pleasant forest!

"Cubby Bear! Cubby Bear! Cubby wins! He's won the race!" a chorus of jubilant voices yelled, while Grandfather Otter called, over and over, until he could make himself heard.

"The coasting contest has been won by Cubby Bear. If he will come here, I will give him the prize."

A dozen willing paws pulled Cubby Bear from the Big Brook, and helped him up the hill.

Grandfather Otter held out the prize, saying, "Please accept this beautiful gold earring. Will you take it in your paw, or will you have a little hole made in your ear, so that you can wear it in the proper fashion?"

"In my paw, p-p-please. Tha-tha-thank y-you!" Cubby Bear stammered, having hard work to speak at all.

"He is all a-shiver and a-shake!" cried Dr. Squilly Porcupine indignantly, stepping forward. "Hear how his teeth chatter. He may be sick to pay for this night's work. I will take him home and put him to bed."

When they reached the house, Dr. Squilly roused Mamma Bruin, who was sleeping peacefully.

They started a fire, and warmed and rubbed the shivering Cubby, while Dr. Squilly Porcupine told Mamma Bruin of Furry Otter's party.

"I wish I had my medicine case here," sighed Squilly.

"I have some wintergreen leaves in the cupboard," said Mamma Bruin. "We will steep them, and give him the hot tea to drink."

When at last Cubby was tucked into his little bed, he murmured drowsily, "It was a fine party. I hope Furry Otter will have another next—next—" and dropped off to sleep before finishing his sentence.

Mamma Bruin was yawning behind her huge paw.

"Good by, Dr. Squilly," she said, "and thank you for being so kind to my little Cubby. He is sound asleep now, and we shall not awaken again until the coming of spring."



"DOWN ON THE ICE—INTO THE WATER—OUT ON THE BANK."

"This is my friend, Cubby Bear," said Furry Otter, "and I have no doubt he could slide if he wished. Cubby—my cousin, Sammy Otter."

Cubby Bear determined not to be angry, and held out his red-mittened paw, but Sammy paid no attention to his friendly advances, and threw back his head laughing.

"I dare him!" he cried loudly. "I dare Cubby Bear to try coasting!"

dangerous, the dark waters cold. Then, "I will go," he said, and followed Brother Binney Beaver to the top of the hill.

"One slide will be enough," declared Sammy Otter.

"Spread out your paws," directed Binney, "to steer with. I am going down right behind you. All ready. Go!"

If his paws were to steer with, Cubby had no

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Best scholars are not always wisest men.

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To a rough question, give a gentle reply.

Quiet minds are generally the most happy.

Resolve to edge in a little reading every day.

Poetry is the morning dream of great minds.

The greatest of all wastes is the waste of time.

Success is generally the fruit of many failures.

Proverbs are the daughters of daily experience.

A thousand probabilities cannot make one truth.

Let us never think cheaply of ourselves or of life.

The use of reason is to restrain the irregular impulses of nature.

Human races are fleeting and changeable, but the human race remains.

A single grateful thought toward Heaven is the most perfect prayer.

The weakest spot in every man is where he thinks himself the wisest.

Let us move boldly on; we can make life a series of great conquests.

We cannot hear what some men say, for what they are sounds too loudly.

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HOP up onto my lap and give me your close attention, for I have a very important matter that I want you to ponder over; it is the subject of inquiry by Robert S. Lawrence, Newcomerstown, Ohio, who says in his recent letter to me:

"I certainly enjoy reading your discussion on various topics for they have been very helpful to me and to every sound-minded, patriotic person who reads COMFORT. What do you think will be the final outcome of this racial conflict, which is seemingly sapping the very vitals of our dear old U. S. A.? Do you believe our dear Old Glory will be wiped in the dust? Several well-informed men in the community have asked me to write and find out what you think about it."

Robert, I regret to say I cannot answer freely and frankly the vital matter you have asked me to discuss. I can only deal in abstract generalities and not concrete facts. This much, however, I can say: I am very pessimistic as to the future of this country. You can't build a house without good material, and neither can you build a nation, unless you have the cement of a common ideal, a common patriotism and brotherly affection, to hold the various racial bricks together and make the structure durable. You have got to have national brotherhood before you can have international fraternity. Old World discords have been planted in our soil, and, like noxious weeds, are flourishing amazingly, and are of more consequence to various irreconcilable groups than are those matters which vitally concern our nation as a whole. There is one racial group so aggressive and powerful politically and so perfectly organized that no editor or publication dare mention its name except to slobber it with fulsome and stekening praise. Our country will come under the control of those who will be able to grab most political power. Now watch the names of those who hold offices and you will see who holds the power and you will be able to determine who will eventually dominate us.

This country made a fatal and terrible mistake in allowing these shores to be made a dumping ground for all the races of the earth. We should have selected the ingredients that went into our national pudding with more care. We did not do so, and now, instead of a pudding, we've got a mess that I fear we can never assimilate or digest. If we breed from fifty different racial strains, we shall have a race, not of men, but of mongrels. The Puritan and the Pilgrim were the finest types of manhood, and, though far from perfect, the strongest in character and political and spiritual development the world had ever seen up to that time. If you are not aware of this, you are blind to the most vital fact in your history. It was Anglo-Saxon ideas, ideals, virtues, genius, respect for law, love of freedom and love of God, that made us a nation, and it was the spirit we imbued from those great souls and their genius that has vitalized and given to our institutions all those principles that keep this national structure, now a very Tower of Babel, from disintegrating and falling to pieces. But the Plymouth strain is growing thin and anemic.

Old Glory will wave just as long as those who believe in the ideals which it symbolizes are in the majority and ready and willing to get behind their flag, and not a second longer. If the majority of the people decide that they want the black flag of anarchy or the red flag of socialism; decide that they prefer the dictatorship of a group of proletarian fanatics, class consciousness to national consciousness; or prefer the tyranny of some racial group within or foreign powers without, political or ecclesiastical or decide they want to live in spiritual bondage under some religious sect or denomination (for nothing is impossible, as man has not yet found himself, but is still groping in the dark, hiding his eyes from the light, stumbling along the blind alleys of selfishness that lead to nowhere), then we shall have to submit to all sorts of agonies until men become sane, sensible and brotherly.

The struggle of various racial groups to dominate the politics of this country will continue so long as our affairs are run by pothouse politicians instead of statesmen. Partisanship, parochialism, sectionalism and all the other evils, that disintegrate instead of integrate our national life, are as rampant today as they were fifty years ago. A common danger drew us together, temporarily at least, during the war, but directly that danger disappeared, we all fell back into our narrow ruts of distrust and suspicion and began making faces at one another in the same old, stupid, inhuman way.

Without a common language and a common ideal, and we have neither, no nation can last, ours least of all, because we have stood idly by and let millions of inferior racial strains contaminate the blood stream of the great races who laid the foundations of this Republic. That contamination must stop. Immigration must, and will, be regulated, and the life-giving elements in our body politic strengthened and renewed. We should especially welcome those who speak our tongue, for ours is the language of liberty and freedom, and those who refuse to learn and speak the finest language on earth should be deported. As I have frequently said before, we must breed from within and we must depend on growth from without, and we must breed citizens and not harbor undesirable plotters. Another thing, too, we must learn to do our own dirty, as well as our clean, work. The colored lady will no longer wash our linen and Rustus will refuse to polish our shoes. If we want gold, we must mine it ourselves; if we want tunnels dug, railroads constructed, mountains bored, it is our hands that must do it. We must appreciate the dignity of labor and recognize the fact that overalls can be just as closely associated with gentility and culture as high silk hats and dresscoats. We should not allow any racial group to become so dominant and powerful that its influence can overawe and terrify Congress, as was the case with the German group, previous to the war. It is the custom for the members of a certain racial group to brag that there are from twenty to thirty million people of their blood in this country. Up jumps another racial group and claims another

thirty or forty million, and these groups take particular pains to remind us that their blood-strain is superior to all others; and these unpleasant reminders which are a covert threat to the nation as a whole, come from people who are not Americanized, for if they were they would not, when making these boastful statements, add insult to injury, by dragging out the eternal and hateful hyphen when referring to their nationality. We killed the hyphen during the war, but it is flourishing again with all its old deadly and menacing virulence.

If complete Americanization is impossible, then all nationalities should at least keep perfect alignment. No one should step from the ranks, break up the formation and attempt to control the rest of us or make our Congress and our legislatures, not the abode of statesmen but mere political bargain counters. If there is any commanding to be done, Uncle Sam will do it. As regards the future of this country, Macauley, the great historian, writing in the Victorian era, said: "As for America, I appeal to the Twentieth Century. Either some Caesar or Napoleon will seize the reins of government with a strong hand or your republic will be as fiercely plundered and laid waste by barbarians in the Twentieth Century as the Roman Empire was in the Fifth, with this difference, that the Huns and Vandals who ravaged Rome came from without her borders while your Huns and Vandals will be engendered within your own country and by your own institutions."

The great philosopher, Herbert Spencer, in a similar prophetic strain, wrote thus: "We have had times before us, and you have still more dreadful times before you, civil war, immense bloodshed and eventually military despotism of the severest type." De Toqueville, who wrote a wonderful work, "Democracy in America," also predicted that "Aliens who had no stake in our country and were un-Americanized would finally ruin our republic."

We need not be discouraged by the gloomy prognostications of Macauley or Spencer, though their predictions will inevitably be fulfilled unless America is Americanized drastically and thoroughly. Every year or two a house has to be repainted and the roof tarred, or it soon decays. We have neither painted our house nor tarred its roof. We have let it get along any old way that it could and the result is it is sagging at the knees and threatening to fall about our ears. We have been so busy making money or spending money, so busy playing politics, and senseless politics at that, that enemies without and within, grown bold by your fatuous indifference and incompetence, now threaten to destroy the whole fabric of our government. But I feel confident there is too much good, sound, common sense among the better elements of the American people to ever permit a repetition in this country of the horrors that have taken place in Russia. But do not let us delude ourselves or push our heads in the sand and do the ostrich act as we did before the war, and shut our eyes to all that is taking place around us, or our necks will be severed and our bodies left to the tender mercies of the criminal buzzards and jackals that abound in every social state and look with eyes of envy on the things that the orderly and industrious have created, while these vermin plotted, loafed and idled. Remember that this is 1920 and not 1776. Science has demolished space and China is nearer Washington today than Rhode Island was 150 years ago. Our fortunes are linked up with the rest of humanity, and we must cultivate friendly relations with other nations. Not many generations ahead there will be a billion Chinamen instead of four hundred million; then, unless you have done your duty by him, you may have a real yellow peril on your hands. One thing we must do and do immediately, and that is to cultivate the friendliest possible relations with English-speaking peoples the world over, for our ideals, if not our interests, are identical, and it is ideals that always count in the long run. Everybody here must speak English, or American, if you prefer to have it that way. It is the language of liberty and freedom and the best language on earth. It is the language of trade and has become the language of diplomacy. The English-speaking peoples are the burden bearers of civilization; they must aid and shepherd their weaker brothers until they are able to take care of themselves. It is the Pilgrim stock that has opened up the waste places of the earth, made the waterways of the world safe for commerce and dumped more Bibles in heathen laps than Mr. Heathen will be able to digest in a century. But he will digest them eventually, for Christianity is the only live-wire religion. Even the Bolsheviks are beginning to ask: "Can man live without Christ?" Unless we accept this burden, the Christ burden, the civilization of the white man will perish. It is a heavy burden to bear but none of the other nations of the world are capable of bearing it. Though in terms of years the human race may seem old to you, it is still very young in all that makes for goodness, humanity and decency. Merely struggling to live right ourselves is not sufficient, we must help others to live right, and we must protest when others live wrong and do wrong, for what hurts one hurts all. Our work in the Philippines shows what can be done for a backward people. If there is any other than the Anglo-Saxon race that can do better than America and Britain have done, let it step forward and do it. All these world-opening and uplifting enterprises may be based on selfishness but without enlightened selfishness no one does anything, and after self has done its rough pioneering part, idealism will put on the polish. The merging of various radical elements for political ends is a very real menace to our existence. You will probably have a very vivid illustration of the workings of this menace at our next presidential election, which from all indications will be staged along racial lines and for purposes which do not vitally concern the interests of this Republic. Some loud-mouthed demagogue will eventually, for his own selfish political ends, bring one or two groups together, camouflaging the maneuver under a very deluge of flag-waving and fake Americanism, and Old Glory will be shoved in your faces, but you will not need much vision to look through its starry folds and behold the evil, destructive thing that lurks behind it. Kill the snakes of alienism, Bolshevism and anarchy and put men

in office who are honest, unafraid and 100 per cent American, and the racial problem will settle itself.

Don't forget that Uncle Charlie's four wonderful books may still be had. Start in at once to obtain them—they cost you no money, only a very little time and effort—and keep at it until you have the entire set. The book of Poems is beautifully bound in ribbed silk stiff covers; the Story Book is bound in two styles, the one in ribbed silk stiff covers like the Poems, the other in paper covers; the Song Book is bound only in heavy paper covers, and the Picture Book in handsome stiff covers. Poems or the Story Book in ribbed silk covers, either one for a club of three subscriptions; the Song Book or the Story Book in pretty stiff covers for a club of only two subscriptions. These four books are a library of endless joy and merriment, the best medicine to drive away the blues and the best gifts in the world.

My Picture Book, too, has started a deluge of inquiries: Is Billy the Goat my daughter, is Maria her ma? Is there an Aunt Charlie? Is the big boy in the Picture Book my only boy? I have had a little leaflet specially printed answering all these questions fully, and those who are interested will find the same in every copy of the four Uncle Charlie Books sent out this season.

Now for the letters.

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DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

As I am lonesome I will write you. Am five feet four inches tall, weigh one hundred pounds, have brown hair and light complexion. I live about half a mile from Cundiff. We have not any postoffice there so I live on a root. Cundiff is a small town fifteen miles northeast of Jacksboro. It has two stores, two garages, two churches and a new schoolhouse. I am in the seventh grade. My age is between twelve and fifteen. I surely am glad the war is over, are you not? November 11, was the day the armistice was signed. What do you do for pastime? I crochet and go to school. I had the flu but it was not at all pleasant. Uncle Charlie, if you want a job come down here and pick cotton for us. We will board you and pay you three dollars per hundred.

RUTHIE D. SMITH.

So, Ruthie, you live on a root, do you? Like myself, you are a first-class vegetarian. I hope, however, you have more than one root to chew on or your diet will become somewhat monotonous. Which root are you patronizing just now—carrots, parsnips, mangel-wurzel or beets? People eat too much meat entirely and it pleases me immensely to know there is a young lady in Texas, who has recognized the nutritive value of the root crop. Personally, I hope you are chewing on a carrot, as there is no more valuable food. My doctor makes me take carrot soup two or three times a week, and he even prescribes it for ailing babies with remarkable results. The only thing I have against carrots is, they store sugar and in the present sugar shortage I think such an act is little short of criminal. Money is the root of all evil, it is about the only root humanity will persist in chewing on. We have a very distinguished member of the root family in New York—Elihu Root. As Mr. Root, however, is a lawyer, you had better not monkey with him or you will be liable to be bitten instead of getting a bite. Pity the President didn't take that Root to Paris to chew on. Had he done so the world might have been at peace and getting back to normal conditions. The war isn't over, my dear, and won't be for many years. We only won one round of the international scrap. We did not stay long enough to score a knockout. Germany is still in the ring and the ring won't hold her long. There are a lot of elements in this world that will never quit fighting until they get their own way, and as no decent human could live if they had their way, the fight

has got to go on. Whenever you plant an honest crop, up grow the weeds and try to choke it. It is the same with the human crop. You've got to root out the criminal weeds and exterminate them or they will exterminate you. We went over to Europe to hoe up some very wicked weeds, but we did not stay long enough to do a thorough job and the result is the weeds are all coming back and laughing at us. It takes more than an armistice with shouting, screaming, yelling, singing, parading and a general exhibition of national hysteria to bring about a peace with Germany, let alone a world peace. There is a nice weed crop to the south of us in Mexico that may be under the hoeing process before these words are in print, though I have always fervently hoped the Mexicans would have sense enough to hoe up their own weeds. The Mexican, however, is about ninety per cent Indian and he does today what the Indian tribes did of old in this country when each tribe tried to exterminate the other. The world is tired of the weed crop and wants to get down to an honest, sensible plane of living. Unless we want to be choked by the weeds within and without, we shall be forced, whether we like it or not, for the sake of self-preservation, which is the first law of nature, to join hands with the honest-crop nations and exterminate the weed menace before it exterminates us. Ruthie, it is awfully kind of you to offer me a job picking cotton. If things continue as they are going at present I shall be very glad to accept your offer, for only the man who works with his hands is to be allowed to live and the brain worker is to be chased out of existence. After the brain workers, the artists, the thinkers, the poets, the writers, the musicians, the engineers the scientists, have been killed off, then you'll have a fine hughouse world worse than forty hells; for when the brains go the soul will go, and when the soul goes, the abysmal beast, the gorilla and the chimpanzee will take possession. I am glad to know the South is getting a high price for its cotton. What a contrast to when the war began and we were implored to buy cotton at ten cents a pound. It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good, after all. By the way, Ruthie, what is a hundred? The Goat says he thinks you mean a hundred. Let us hope so.

CHOUPIQUE, LA.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am going on thirteen years of age and am in the sixth grade. We have not been taking the COMFORT very long, but I don't see what people mean if they don't take COMFORT and join the League. We live on a farm and have lots of peaches and figs. Daddy is going to get me a horse to ride to school this year if I want one. I can ride and go in the car. What would you do if you were me?

Yours lovingly, ANNIE LACY.

Vernie, I am not at all surprised to find that the transportation problem is as acute in Louisiana as it is in the country, and, for that matter, the world over. Once on a time a man had to hoof it if he wanted to go anywhere. Then he discovered he could move quicker if he tamed a wild horse and got astride its back. Later on he hitched the horse to a carriage; then the locomotive engine appeared on the scene and the street car. The automobile and the airship followed in quick succession. Man is a great success at moving his body, but in the mass he is an awful failure when it comes to moving his mind. He still lets that crawl, and it always crawls in a rut or on a single track. Mechanically, man has progressed marvelously, but economically, physically, spiritually, mentally, morally, he is still millions of years behind the material creations of his brain. In spite of the fact that wages have doubled, tripled and quadrupled in some cases and that everything that goes into running and constructing a railroad

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Little Stories of Roosevelt

By Carl Schurz Lowden

His Creed

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The Only Licking He Ever Got

"He was a regular boy," said a Long Island coachman of the youthful Theodore. "Always outdoors, climbing trees, and havin' queer things alive in his pockets. Sometimes it was even a snake."

Perhaps it was a snake that caused the tussle between Ted and his sister. No girl relishes the sight of a reptile. Anyhow the two of them staged a small battle in which the boy became cannibalistic and bit his opponent's arm severely.



HE HAD AN OLD-FASHIONED FATHER.

and then sneaked under it where the broad skirt of the cook helped to conceal him.

Daddy Roosevelt knew that the Irish cook and his son were very good friends and he surmised that Ted might have taken refuge near her. Accordingly he advanced into the kitchen and made inquiry.

He could obtain little information regarding his lost son. However, he hung around a while and kept an eye on the kind-hearted woman. Soon he observed her slyly looking beneath the table; and then, with the secret out, Ted promptly emerged from his hiding-place.

As the boy slipped through the door into the adjoining room, he hurled the bit of dough at his father, but the missile did not stop the chase. Ted started up the stairs. Alas and alack! At the half-way point the boy was caught, jerked across the parental knees, and given a Rooseveltian paddling. It was the only licking his father ever administered unto his namesake.

Indian Marauders

When Roosevelt mounted his horse near noon of a fine day to make an exploring trip to the north and east of his Elkhorn ranch, he scarcely expected a thrilling adventure. However, he kept his thinking-cap firmly on his head and afterwards spoke of the incident as trivial.

He had risen up a slight rise and emerged onto a small plain or plateau when five young Indians suddenly came over the opposite edge, yelled, waved their rifles, and charged. They were of the irresponsible age, neither babies nor men, and they meant mischief. Sometimes these red hoodlums would deprive a lone rider of his horse, rifle and money.

"Four Eyes," given the name because his defective vision necessitated the wearing of spec-



STANDING OFF THE INDIAN MARAUDERS.

tacles, waited until they reached a point one hundred yards distant. Then he halted his mount, jumped off, threw his rifle over the animal's back, and quietly took aim at the leader.

Apparently the young bucks had expected to overawe the white man, but they did not know Roosevelt or they would have understood the impossibility of such tactics. When they saw him peering along the gun's sights, they immediately retreated out of range and parleyed among themselves.

Soon one of the group advanced alone, dropped his weapon, flourished his blanket, and assumed the attitude of a friend. He halted about fifty yards from the dismounted rider and pulled out his pass from the Indian reservation.

"How!" he warmly declared. "Me good Indian."

Roosevelt answered "How!" and told the leader to refrain from coming any closer. When the other braves edged nearer, the plainsman covered the leader with his rifle and advised the band to clear out.

They swore profusely but complied. A few hours later T. R. met a couple of trappers who asserted the young Indians had forced them to surrender their horses.

Roosevelt's Chivalrous Deference to His Wife

Among the interesting anecdotes told by Hamlin Garland in Everybody's Magazine under title of "My Neighbor, Theodore Roosevelt," is one which gives an intimate glimpse of Mr. Roosevelt's home life and his respect for and devotion to his wife. Mr. Garland was Mr. Roosevelt's guest at the White House on several occasions and he describes one of these as follows:

"One day I lunched with him in the small room just to the right of the door, for the main dining-room was being redecorated, and the sound of the floor-pollisher was heard in the hall. Mrs. Roosevelt, Alice and two of the boys were present, and I had the pleasure of seeing President Roosevelt in the midst of his very lively family. To watch the mighty hunter and Chief Executive play the part of husband and father increased my regard for him. Powerful as he was, impetuous as he seemed, he was in truth consideration itself when he came into relationship with his wife. No matter what his impassioned discourse might be, the slightest mo-

tion of her hand, a lifted eyebrow, would arrest him at once.

"This chivalrous deference on his part moved me to announce that I had made a discovery."

"A discovery," he asked. "What have you discovered?"

"I have discovered the actual ruler of the United States," I answered, with a glance at Mrs. Roosevelt.

"The President laughed heartily, and Alice, with a smile of roguish amusement, declared my discovery a true one. The President then said: 'You are perfectly right. I am only the public appearance—Mrs. Roosevelt is the force behind the throne.'"

The Kaiser Admired Roosevelt

Writing of his visit to the Colonel at his home at Oyster Bay in 1917, Mr. Garland says:

"Among other things our host showed us the drawing which the German Emperor had sent to him while in the White House, and also a remarkable series of photographs of the Kaiser and himself taken during a military review at Potsdam or somewhere else. On the back of each picture in the Kaiser's own handwriting were certain descriptive lines which testified to his high admiration of his great American visitor. 'When we shake hands we shake the world,' was the essential meaning of these inscriptions. Roosevelt showed them to me with a smile of comic significance. They were one of his most amusing 'exhibits.'"

Backed the Kaiser Down

In 1901, Venezuela, a shiftless little South American nation, was deeply in debt to England, Italy and Germany. The three powers tried a "pacific blockade" but it proved ineffective. On December 8, 1902, Germany severed diplomatic relations, which act invariably precedes war.

With the Monroe Doctrine seriously threatened, Roosevelt got into the game. He asked the interested nations to arbitrate. England and Italy agreed to that method of settlement, but Germany wished to take temporary possession of the little nation and refused to consider any other plan.



"WHEN WE SHAKE HANDS WE SHAKE THE WORLD." —WILHELM.

squadron will be given orders, by noon ten days from today, to proceed to the Venezuelan coast and prevent any aggression against that territory.

The ambassador began to protest. He said that his Imperial master, having refused arbitration, could not change his decision. Such action was a manifest impossibility.

"I am not arguing that question," our forceful executive answered. "I am simply giving you the information because you may think it of sufficient importance to transmit it to Berlin."

A week later the German called upon President Roosevelt but did not mention the Venezuelan controversy. When he arose to go the redoubtable Theodore asked him about the matter. "No word had been received from the Kaiser."

"In view of this fact," the President declared, "I will instruct Admiral Dewey to sail a day earlier than the day I designated at our previous meeting."

Though Dr. Hollenbeck implored and pleaded, Roosevelt remained as a stone wall. He insisted there must be an immediate acceptance of the arbitration method of settlement, as, otherwise, the job would be turned over to Dewey and the navy.

The President named forty-eight hours as the period during which he would wait for a final answer. The cable must have been greased, however, for within thirty-six hours the ambassador returned to the White House with the Kaiser's compliance.

A real American had flourished the Big Stick and driven the Kaiser into his boots.

The Boy with the Black Eye

In his college days at Harvard the young citizen built up his health by boxing at the gymnasium at various times each week, but on Sundays he taught the Bible to a class of boys at the Dutch Reformed church in New York City. Today there are few Christians among boxers.

Roosevelt saw no incompatibility between boxing for muscular development and teaching a Sunday School class as a part of his religious life.

One morning a boy with a black eye appeared in the class. The college student noted the physical blemish and questioned the boy to ascertain how he got it.

The boy admitted he had been in a fight and that his adversary had struck his eye. Roosevelt worked with the boy until he got the whole story. A mean fellow had pinched his sister. He had warned the offender to desist. When the tormentor continued his obnoxious attentions, the brother interfered with his fists.

"You did perfectly right," Theodore commended. Thereupon he backed up his words by opening his pocketbook and extracting a dollar which he handed to the boy. "Take this," he advised, "and get a poultice for your bad eye."

This incident made the teacher very popular with his class, for every member believed the brother had done the right thing in endeavoring to protect his sister. The church authorities, however, were much displeased by the college student's act in rewarding the boy for fighting. Within a few weeks Roosevelt obtained a class in another church.



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America First—Editorial

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advantage of the situation and, on the pretext of restoring order and establishing a stable government in Mexico, sent over a naval and military force by means of which he conquered the country, made it a monarchy and set up Maximilian, an Austrian prince, as emperor with a French army of occupation to uphold his throne. Because the exigencies of the Civil War were straining the resources of our country, President Lincoln could do no more than protest against this flagrant violation of the Monroe Doctrine.

General Grant regarded the French Emperor's performance as an act of war against the United States and believed that our Government should treat it as such as soon as its hands were free to strike. Accordingly he seized the first safe opportunity to put Uncle Sam's fist in Louis Napoleon's face by sending an army to the Mexican border to threaten Maximilian's French troops. This he did immediately after the surrender of General Lee, and he has hinted, in his "Personal Memoirs," that his haste was due to apprehension that his order might be countermanded by the War Department. The following is Grant's own description of the incident:

"After the surrender of Lee, therefore, entertaining the opinion [that the French intervention in Mexico was an act of war against the United States] here expressed, I sent Sheridan with a corps to the Rio Grande to have him where he might aid Juarez [the leader of the Mexican patriots] in expelling the French from Mexico. Those troops got off before they could be stopped; and went to the Rio Grande, where Sheridan distributed them up and down the river, much to the consternation of the [French] troops in the quarter of Mexico bordering on that stream."

This threatening attitude brought about immediate negotiations between Louis Napoleon and our Government which resulted in the withdrawal of the French soldiers from Mexico. Maximilian refused to return to Europe with the French expeditionary forces, preferring to die Emperor of Mexico rather than live an exiled monarch. The Mexicans made short work of him after the departure of the foreign invaders.

Louis Napoleon had counted on the Civil War to ruin our country, but when he saw it emerge from the conflict with the largest, finest and best equipped veteran army in the world, prepared and determined to settle his case, he knew that resistance was hopeless and was forced to accept ignominious defeat which so lowered him in the estimation of his own subjects that he felt compelled to attempt conquest in another direction in order to recover his waning popularity and prop his tottering throne. And so he launched his short, disastrous war against Prussia, which resulted in his being deposed and banished by his own people, and in France having to pay an enormous war indemnity in addition to the loss of two rich provinces, Alsace and Lorraine (recently restored to France in the settlement of the World War).

General Grant said that "the signal failure of Louis Napoleon's scheme of conquest in Mexico was the precursor of his own overthrow. The beginning of his downfall was when he landed troops on this continent. To recover the prestige he lost in this enterprise he made war on Prussia—and fell."

One of the reservations demanded by the majority senators is designed to save the Monroe Doctrine by denying the League of Nations any authority over this exclusively American policy.

Roosevelt's Place in History

At the present writing it is but a year since Roosevelt left us, but already the library shelves abound in volumes narrating, interpreting and commenting on the deeds and words and the life

lesson of this many-sided leader of American thought and action.

His ideals were high, his theories practical, his judgment sound, his talk sincere and unequivocal, his action straightforward, fearless and energetic, and with a strenuous nature and an amazing capacity for work his career is a record of wonderful achievements in the realm of public leadership. He was a living example of the patriotism, honesty, integrity and clean living that he preached. Like Washington, he was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen." Necessarily he made many enemies, but even those who opposed him now for the most part acknowledge his greatness. In the service he rendered to his country and to humanity he ranks with Washington and Lincoln. He gave and took hard blows in sportsmanlike manner, and even his faults were of the genuine and humanizing sort that seems to strengthen the bond of sympathy between a great leader and the commonality of the masses. No man's character and career were ever more carefully raked over and searched than his, and without the discovery of a mean trait or dishonorable act.

He was the apostle of the "square deal" in private and public affairs and in international intercourse, of peace with honor, of a strong and dignified foreign policy, of preparedness for national defense as a means of avoiding war, commanding respect for our rights and, if necessary, enforcing it.

He was noted for his broad views and progressive ideas, but he was steadfast in his support of the traditional policies that had contributed so largely to the growth of our country in prosperity and power. He had no patience with those who would have us cast aside as antiquated the advice of Washington or the policies of Monroe, Lincoln and Grant.

He believed in minding our own business. He preached "America First." He denounced treaties which subjected disputes involving our internal affairs, vital interests or national honor to the judgment and determination of foreign arbitration boards.

As President he forced the Kaiser to accept the Monroe Doctrine in the Venezuelan controversy.

In his address on "Washington's Forgotten Maxim," he said:

"A century has passed since Washington wrote: 'To be prepared for war is the most effectual means to promote peace.' We pay this maxim the lip loyalty we so often pay to Washington's words; but it has never sunk deep into our hearts. Indeed, of late years many persons have refused it even the poor tribute of lip loyalty."

Roosevelt's death was untimely, for our country and the perturbed and distracted world, reaping the aftermath of war, needs his prevision and sympathetic understanding to help in guiding the work of reconstruction along progressive but safe and sane lines.

COMFORT'S EDITOR.

A Harty Party for St. Valentine

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and without knowing what can readily be afforded, only suggestions are possible. A bouquet of pink blossoms or a flowering begonia, the pot covered with pink crepe paper, make attractive prizes for the ladies. Also for women there are candy boxes decorated with cupids, heart-shaped needle-books and pincushions and boudoir cushions are worth thinking about when the hostess is clever with her needle. For booby prizes, give the big candy hearts made of chocolate or sugar that can be bought at this time of the year or home-made hearts of fudge. For the men's prizes, have heart-shaped blotters or boxes of candy.

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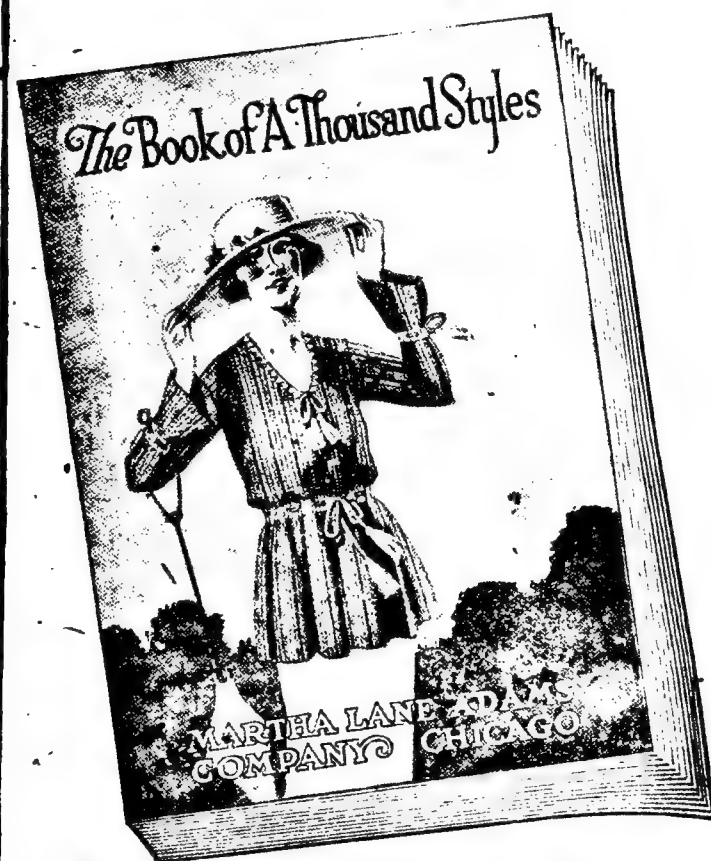
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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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It is in the home. Fifty-fifty is right and just but go beyond that either way and wrong begins. I wish to say a word for Uncle Charlie. If we had him for our President and a Congress that would back him up, wouldn't we have an ideal government? Let's give him a coin shower for his valentine. I want his name and address as I want to send him a check. I want him to endorse it and Billy the Goat to chew one corner of it so I will have both their signatures. Let everyone send him some money and Billy the Goat can have the envelopes instead of hay this winter.

My address is with Mrs. Wilkinson. A WID.

Uncle Charlie's address is 1299 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., and I am sure Billy the Goat will be delighted to chew the whole four corners off as many checks as you care to send—with never a thought of germs. I'll speak to him about it.—Ed.

PALMETTO, GA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT READERS:

I have never seen a letter in COMFORT from this part of the state. I am not gifted with the pen as are so many of you but I certainly enjoy the letters. I often tell my neighbors that I couldn't keep house without COMFORT. I have just sent in a two-year renewal and I don't mean to be without it as long as I live.

We are very busy here; there is always something to be done on a farm.



HELEN AND ANDY PAUL DEMONIA.

I am sending a photograph of my two babies and hope Mrs. Wilkinson will find space to print them. Helen is five years old and Andy Paul is two and one half years. Their father died when the baby was four months old. No one knows how desolate our home is. I am twenty-seven years old and have brown hair and eyes and weigh 135 pounds.

Wishing each one happiness and prosperity, I am your new sister,

Mrs. LENA B. DEMONIA.

GRANT, MICH.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

As I have never noticed a sister's letter from this vicinity and very few from Michigan, I am going to add my mite to the list. I have read COMFORT since I was a little girl at home and now that I am in my own home I see that my subscription never runs out.

Michigan is a great playground for tourists and well-to-do people who like to get out among the woods and lakes in the summer time and there is always a rush of automobiles, especially during July and August. There is a great deal of excellent farm and dairy land here. Naturally, I think it is the best state in the Union.

I enjoy reading the views of the different sisters on taking care of children and getting along with husbands. Some are very amusing. I don't have any trouble keeping in harmony with my husband and I would not think of publishing my troubles if I had ever so many.

I want to mention one thing of importance about our children—their teeth! I've never heard a peep out of any of the mothers about them. Be sure the teeth are brushed at least once a day, especially after the permanent teeth are cut, and keep a close watch for that first small cavity which will soon be a big one, and have a reliable dentist fill it at once. If we would have the small cavities attended to at once we would soon run false teeth out of existence, to a certain extent. From my own experience I know it is our duty to keep our children's teeth in good condition and they will carry on the good work from force of habit, if for no other reason.

I am twenty-six years old and married to a good farmer Elmer. We have a boy and girl, Lyle, seven, and Lota, three years old. I am one who stands for farm life. I would not care to live in the city during these days of high prices.

Best wishes to all who read, and to Mrs. Wilkinson who must get tired of so much chatter.

BESSIE TRAIN.

Mrs. Train.—A long and heartfelt amen to all you have said about the care of teeth. That subject has been given more or less prominence in COMFORT at different times in the past and is well worthy of being taken up to a greater extent by every magazine published. That's how important I think it is.—Ed.

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His Heart's Queen

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CHAPTER XXVII.

THE TRIUMPH OF WILHELM MENCKE.

The week that followed the laying away of Bertha was one of the saddest that Violet ever spent; but she strove to put her own feelings entirely out of mind and devoted herself to the task of cheering and comforting the unhappy father.

She never failed to make her appearance at the breakfast table, clad in a dainty and becoming manner, while she tried to enliven the meal with cheerful conversation and by relating interesting items gleaned from the morning paper and other sources.

At dinner time he always found a tiny vase, containing some fragrant flower, beside his plate, while Violet invariably had some pleasant plan to suggest for the evening.

All these little attentions to his comfort were very soothing to the sorrowing man, and it is not strange that he now regarded Violet as the light of his otherwise desolate home; and it can readily be imagined how like a thunderbolt her proposition to go away to find employment elsewhere finally burst upon him.

"Go away, Violet!" he repeated, grasping her hands, his face growing white with pain. "I should be desolate! I cannot spare you! No, no, you must not leave me."

"But, Mr. Lawrence," Violet gravely returned, as she gently released her hands, "I have no duties, no regular employment now, and I cannot—must not live in idleness."

"No duties—no employment!" he repeated, sorrowfully. "How can you say that when you do so much to cheer me and brighten my home?"

"I am very glad if I have been able to contribute ever so little to your comfort," Violet answered, flushing with pleasure at his appreciative words; "but, as I said before, I must not be idle, for—I have my own living to earn, and though I know you are very kind and would not mind giving me a home, yet it is not right, and I ought to seek another position."

"Come here and sit down—I want to talk with you," said Mr. Lawrence, placing a chair for her; then taking another near her he continued, gravely: "I do not need to tell you that I am a lonely old man—I do not need to remind you that my last object in life has been taken from me and I have nothing to look forward to in the future but the care of the wealth which I have amassed, and which I hoped and believed was going to contribute so much to the comfort of the dear child whom we have just laid to rest. It—this wealth now seems almost a burden to me, since I have no one with whom to share it. I have no relatives that I know of, excepting a cousin of whom I used to be quite fond in my youthful days; but I lost sight of her years ago, and have never been able to find her—she, perhaps, is also dead, and if I should be taken away, all that I possess would have to pass into the hands of strangers or be given to some charitable institution. Now, my dear child—and you have become very dear to me, you have won a large place in my heart by your unvarying kindness to my afflicted little girl—you also are alone in the world, and why will you not remain with me and take Bertha's place, so far as possible? Be to me a daughter in her stead, and let me, in return, provide for your future? Violet, do not leave me in my sorrow and loneliness—give me a father's right to care for you while you can do much to brighten my home with your presence, your youthful life and cheerfulness, and especially with your music which has been such a solace to me of late. Will you, my child?"

His appeal was both earnest and eager and Violet knew that he meant every word that he uttered.

She believed, too, that it did lay in her power to make his life brighter and happier, while it was no light temptation to be offered such a home, together with all the luxuries and advantages which his wealth and care would provide for her.

Violet longed, with all the yearning of her own lonely heart, to give him the promise he desired. She was an orphan, homeless, friendless; there was not a person in the world that she knew of who possessed any genuine affection for her, or upon whom she could rely, except this grand and noble man, who was a comparative stranger to her, yet who attracted her as she had seldom been attracted toward any one. It was truly a very alluring proposition, yet something seemed to hold her back—there was an instinctive shrinking within her from an obligation so onerous.

She could not have told, however, whether it was simply pride, resenting the idea of receiving such bounty from one whom she had known so short a time, or a feeling of independence, which prompted a desire to support herself.

"What shall I do in this great house, with no child and no object to live for," Mr. Lawrence went on, a note of keen pain in his voice, as he saw no signs of yielding on her part—"with only my housekeeper and servants for companions? What shall I do in this great world without a relative to feel any interest in me or give me a word of sympathy or comfort? Perhaps you may not realize this feeling of desolation as I do, in your youthfulness and enjoyment of life; but it is no light thing for a man to be left entirely alone at my time of life. Violet, I will have the necessary papers drawn up tomorrow, if you will only give me leave, and you shall at once become and be publicly introduced as my daughter and future heiress."

Violet lifted a flushed and troubled face to him. She could not bear that he should suppose, for a moment, that she wanted his money.

"But that would not be right, Mr. Lawrence," she said. "If you should ever learn that this cousin, of whom you were so fond, was living, it would seem unjust that I, who am of no kin to you, should succeed to property which otherwise would be hers."

Mr. Lawrence's face lighted with a tender, genial smile at this evidence that there was nothing mercenary or avaricious about her.

"Well," he said with a little laugh, "if your conscience, which I have already learned is a very active and vigilant mentor, would trouble you on that score, I think I shall be able to settle the objection to your entire satisfaction. I will make my will, dividing my property equally—and such a division would make Mary Lawrence, if she is living, a rich woman—half to become my adopted daughter's at my decease, the other half to go to my cousin or her heirs, if she or they can be found."

"I wish you were not a rich man, Mr. Lawrence—if you were only poor now, I would gladly remain with you and be just as good a daughter as I know how to be," Violet returned, with pathetic wistfulness; "but—"

"Oh! so you would like the obligation to fall entirely upon me! Isn't that a trifle selfish, Miss Huntington?" her companion inquired, meekly, but with a roguish twinkle in his eyes.

"But I have so little to give you, and you offer me so much," said the fair girl, with a sigh, but flushing at his way of looking at the subject—she had not thought of it in that light at all.

"You can give me what no amount of wealth could purchase, Violet," Mr. Lawrence responded, gravely. "You have been giving me during these days of sadness, what no money could pay for—a bright and cheerful presence at my table, when I have been lonely and dispirited; numberless sympathetic words and little comforting atten-

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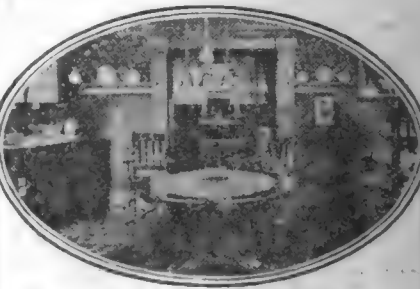
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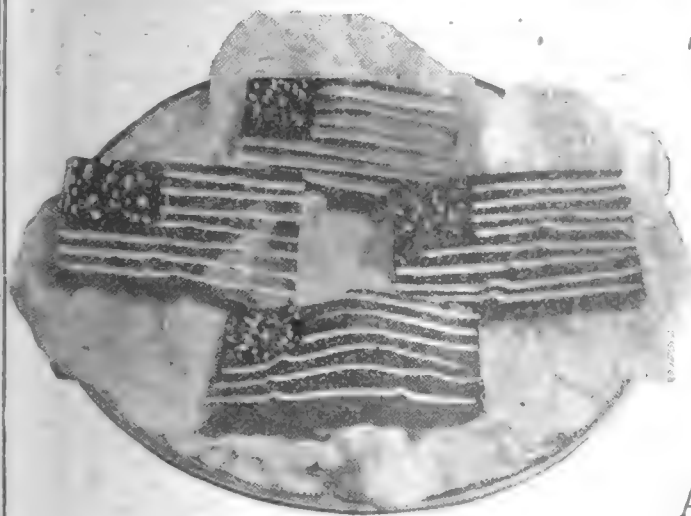
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MID-WINTER COOKERY



LINCOLN JELLY.

TO VARY
THE
DIET
AND
SUSTAIN
THE
APPETITE

By Violet Marsh

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Suggestions for St. Valentine's Day

HERE is something very impressive about the fact that we still observe St. Valentine's Day, for it was in the year 270, on the 14th day of February, that this saint suffered martyrdom for his good deeds in aiding the Christian martyrs. There was an old-time custom in Rome to celebrate in the month of February the Lupercalia, a festival in honor of the heathen god Lupercus. It appears to have been after the death of St. Valentine that certain pagan elements of these festivities came into disfavor, and it was through the pastors of the early Christian church in Rome that in place of the Lupercalia a new festival was celebrated and named for St. Valentine because of his deeds of love and charity to all mankind. That we today celebrate St. Valentine's Day with messages and gifts to those we love, but proves once again that the good liveth forever.

In the year 1775, in a publication called the "Connoisseur," appears "A Girl's Valentine Charm" as told by herself and while the recipe it contains is not what we would indulge in more than once a year, it is humorous, which is my excuse for repeating it here in our cooking department:

"Last Friday was Valentine's Day, and I'll tell you what I did the night before. I got five bay leaves, and pinned four of them to the four corners of my pillow, and the fifth to the middle; and then if I dreamt of my sweetheart, Betty said we would be married before the year was out.

"But to make it more sure, I boiled an egg hard, and took out the yolk, and filled it with salt, and when I went to bed ate it, shell and all, without speaking or drinking after it."

A pretty and novel idea is the valentine bouquet. Bring from the woods one or more thick ends from evergreen branches, arranging them into round, compact shape. Decorate with paper hearts made from gilt, white and red paper, and within the twigs hide sweets of various kinds. This can be made into an attractive centerpiece and contain a valentine for each member of the family and invited guests.

Mid-Winter Cookery

There always comes a time in winter when monotony in the variety of foods we have been serving seems unavoidable; the "taste" seems lacking and appetites lag. So with this fact in mind, I will suggest a greater use of cranberries, canned tomatoes, onions, cheese, and the making of more canapés which give a relish and starts the appetite for other foods.

Cranberries in winter time make up in no small degree for the absence of the fresh fruit which we have in summer and fall. They should be used freely, and a pie, half cranberry and half apple, baked with strips of pastry in place of a whole upper crust, is very appetizing. The raw cranberries will keep for weeks if well rinsed in cold water, put into preserving jars, then filled with cold water to overflowing and sealed. Keep in a dark cool place.

The canned tomato in winter is of great value in the diet, as to a certain extent it counteracts the effects of eating too much starchy food and meat. Onions are available at most any season, and of all the vegetables that can be kept on hand there is no other that retains so much of the quality of a fresh vegetable. That onions are wholesome, there is no doubt. They contain flesh-forming elements, are soothing to the mucous membranes, and are otherwise medicinal.

Cheese should be eaten more than it is. In winter it can be kept indefinitely, and in instances where fresh meat is unobtainable, cheese may be eaten as a substitute as it contains tissue-building material, and when compared with foods of a similar composition, it is found that at the same cost, more nutritive material can be bought in cheese than in any other body-building food. Cheese stimulates the appetite, and, like all concentrated foods, must be thoroughly masticated, and as with meat, eaten with potato and other vegetables, bread and sweets. When cheese is eaten in any quantity, pastry and other fats should be used sparingly.

Canapés offer endless ways of preparing leftovers into appetizing and "tasty" combinations. They might well be called "appetizers." Try them.

Recipes

BAKED BEAN CANAPÉS.—Two cups of cold baked beans mashed fine and mixed with one well-beaten egg, two tablespoons of tomato catsup, one cup of very fine bread-crumbs, and enough of the bean juice to form a soft paste. Season highly with pepper and salt and add some cold boiled onions if on hand. Stir well, press into a tin and bake in a moderate oven about fifteen minutes. Have ready hot buttered toast, spread thickly with the mixture and serve.

FISH CANAPÉS.—Put one onion chopped fine and as much finely chopped celery into a stew-pan with two cups of boiling water and cook slowly until tender. There should be about one cup of liquid when done. Add to this one cup of rich milk and when it boils, slowly add two tablespoons of butter and two of dry flour that have been previously stirred to a smooth paste. Season with salt and pepper and cook slowly for five minutes, and then add about two cups of cooked fish that has been picked fine with a fork. When at the cooking point, serve on rounds of hot oven toast. Tuna fish is excellent to have on hand for this purpose.

SARDINE CANAPÉS.—Boil eggs hard and mash yolks to a paste seasoned with salt, pepper, and lemon juice, or a little vinegar from pickles. Add to this as much again of sardines and mince all together. Put white of eggs through food chopper.

Butter half inch slices of bread and spread with the mixture, sprinkling the top with the chopped egg white.

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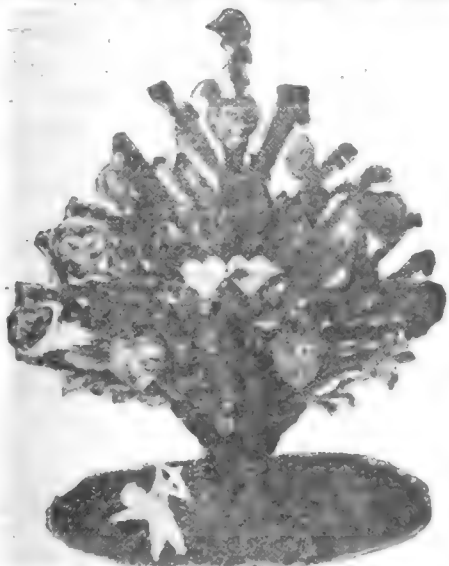
Take one gallon of sweet skim milk and stir in three fourths of a cup of sour milk. Raise the temperature in hot water to 75 degrees, using a dairy thermometer. Remove from heat and place where it is to remain until set. Add one eighth of a junket tablet thoroughly dissolved in four tablespoons of cold water; stir while adding. Cover with cloth and leave from 12 to 16 hours in even temperature of about 75 degrees. There should be a slight whey on the top, and when poured out the curd should cleave sharply. Drain through cotton cloth, not cheese-cloth. When whey has been drained out, work in one or two teaspoons of salt to the cheese, according to taste; one and one half to two pounds of cheese should be obtained from a gallon of milk.

Note: 75 degrees would be about a "tepid" heat.

BOILED ONIONS.—Remove the outer skins. Cover with boiling water and cook until tender. The water in which onions are boiled should not be changed while cooking as by so doing valuable body-salts are lost. It is best to let the water boil down and thicken it with a little paste made from mixing together equal parts of dry flour and butter. Season with pepper and salt.

BAKE ONIONS by first preparing as above, putting into serving dish, covering with buttered bread-crumbs and browning in a hot oven.

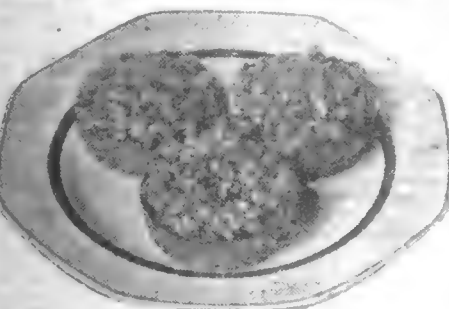
ONION SOUP.—Slice or cut fine one onion to



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each person to be served. Cover with boiling water and cook until soft and creamy, adding more water if necessary. Add enough rich milk to allow of one cup of soup to each person. When it boils slightly thicken with flour mixed with a little cold water. Cook five minutes slowly. Season with salt, pepper and butter, and just before serving add to each plate one tablespoon of whipped cream.

ONION AND POTATO SCALLOP.—Peel and slice thin, four medium-sized potatoes and two onions. In a baking dish put a layer of potato, a layer of onion, dot with butter, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and dredge lightly with flour, or bread-crumbs may be used instead. Repeat the layers until all is used and then cover with milk. Cover the dish and bake in moderately hot oven one hour from the time it begins to simmer. Do not fill dish within two inches of the top, and do not allow it to boil. Uncover the last fifteen minutes to brown. A grating of cheese over the top is delicious.

TOMATO ASPIC.—Stew one-quart can of tomato with one bay leaf about twenty minutes and then strain. Have one heaping tablespoon of gelatin soaked in quarter of a cup of cold water until soft and add to the boiling hot tomato with some onion juice, and salt and pepper to taste. Pour into individual moulds and set to harden. The tomato should be cooked until when strained it will be fairly thick. Arranged on lettuce leaves and topped with bits of cheese gives an appetizing flavor.

TAMALE PIE.—Put one pound of good lean meat through the food chopper and sear it brown in beef fat. Pour over one cup of boiling water, set on back of stove, cover and simmer slowly until tender. While this is cooking, chop three small onions fine and brown in beef fat; add one quart can of tomato, one rounding teaspoon of chili powder, and two green peppers if obtainable; if not, use black dry pepper. Salt to taste and cook slowly about half an hour. Make a corn-meal mush with one cup of meal, two teaspoons of flour, half a teaspoon of salt and two cups of boiling water. Mix the drys with one cup of cold milk and gradually add to boiling water. In the bottom of a baking dish put one half of the mush, and stir the

other half of mush with the tomato sauce and cooked meat. Put the mixture over the mush and bake fifty minutes in a slow oven. Served with good bread and butter, this makes an excellent one-dish meal.

SCALLOPED TOMATOES.—Crumb two cups of bread fine and moisten lightly with melted butter. Cook one quart of tomatoes about twenty minutes. Put crumbs and tomato in layers in baking dish, reserving some crumbs for the top, season each layer with pepper and salt, a scraping of onion juice, and bake thirty-five minutes in a hot oven.

TOMATO SAUCE.—Grate one carrot and slice thin one onion; fry in a little rendered beef fat fifteen minutes, keeping it stirred. To this add two cups of canned tomato, and simmer fifteen minutes and strain. Thicken with three even tablespoons of flour made smooth in a little cold water; add a dash of cayenne, pepper, one tablespoon of strong vinegar from sweet pickle, or some good table sauce, a pinch of salt, and simmer 20 minutes. Excellent with omelet, sweet breads, hashes, fish, etc.

TOMATO BISQUE.—Stew two-thirds can of tomato until it will strain easily, add a pinch of soda, and strain. In a double boiler put one quart of fresh milk and bring to a boil. In a sauce-pan put two tablespoons of butter and when it bubbles add two even tablespoons of flour and rub smooth. Add part of the hot milk to this, and when smooth pour it into the double boiler with the rest of milk; cook fifteen minutes. Just before serving, add one even teaspoon of salt, a pinch of pepper, butter twice the size of a walnut, and the boiling hot strained tomato. Served with cubes of bread browned in the oven.

TOMATO SOUP.—One quart of tomato, three cups of water, half an onion and one carrot chopped fine, four whole cloves, half a teaspoon of sugar, and half a bay leaf boiled gently until the carrot is soft. Strain. Melt three tablespoons of butter, rub in two tablespoons of flour and slowly add some of the soup, and when smooth put all together and simmer fifteen minutes.

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The Pretty Girls' Club

Conducted by Katherine Booth

That Double Chin

THERE'S more to a chin than you can see in your mirror, unless you are wise enough to view yours from every angle. Many of us who confront a perfectly respectable chin each morning when we make our toilet are shocked one day to have a graceless young nephew say, "Why, Aunt Inez is getting a double chin!" "What?" we cry, and rush to the mirror, but we find no sign of any such calamity. Still that nephew of ours sticks to his assertion, and one day, as we sit in a comfortable chair reading, we find our eyes looking into a nearby mirror, and for the first time we discover that nephew was right.



THIS POSITION WILL EVENTUALLY RESULT IN A DOUBLE CHIN.

A double chin may come from the accumulation of fat, from sagging muscles, or—and here's the point, girls—from unlovely postures of the head.

The way to hold a chin is slightly elevated and a trifle forward. Then the skin is drawn tight and the line of the chin is sharply defined. If, instead, the chin is drawn in and dropped down, only the luckiest of us can escape the suspicion of a double chin.

Remember this, and keep the chin lightly lifted, without any straining or evidence of the effort.

It is defeating our purpose—that of looking attractive and making the most of our good points—if we give the impression of working hard to create an effect. Nobody is really beautiful who looks conscious of the fact or who seems to be trying to appear beautiful.

In reading, do not follow the example of the pretty girl in our illustration, and put the book on a table, bending over it to read. If you do, a double chin will result. She hasn't one now, but just wait ten years! To read, lean back comfortably in a chair, and raise your book to a convenient level, dropping the eyes, but not the chin.

To keep down superfluous flesh under the chin, it is a good thing to practice neck-stretching exercises daily, lifting the chin slightly, then turning the head to look over the left shoulder, then to look over the right shoulder, then bending it back as far as it will go, then rotating the head upon the shoulders.

Dash cold water on the throat every time you bathe the face. This has two advantages—it keeps the skin drawn firm and tight, and it protects you against colds.

Study your profile, girls, in your mirror, with the chin lifted and with it dropped, and see for yourself just how you should hold it to get the best silhouette—then stick to that pose.

Answers to Questions

AN ANXIOUS KID.—I am extremely sorry to have to answer your question in just the way you do not want me to, but when you question as to how you may dye your hair a dark brown, I must say, "Don't!" Not at all because there is anything wrong about wanting one's hair a different color, but merely because it is a difficult thing to do—so difficult that unless it is done by a professional who knows just how to go through the process, the result is apt to be something terrible. And, once dyed, there is no going back on what is done. If your hair should turn a greenish purple, it would have to stay that color, and then how dreadful you would feel, wouldn't you? I had a friend once, a very wealthy woman, who lived in Paris a great deal of the time. Her hair was beginning to turn grey, so she had it dyed at one of the most expensive and careful places in Paris. Later she came back to America on a visit, and going to one of our big Western cities, where ever so many things were to be done in her honor, she immediately had her hair shampooed. What was her horror when the hair dried to see that it had turned purple. Some chemical in the soap acted upon the chemical in the dye and produced this frightful color. The beauty shop people where this occurred re-shampooed the hair, rinsed it, tried everything, but the purple still remained. She had to return to her hostess's in a taxi and with her head concealed beneath a thick veil, and for the length of her stay in that city, she had to remain invisible to anybody but this friend. Word was given out that she was ill, and all the dinners and dances and theater parties which had been arranged for her were cancelled. She left for New York City in a compartment car, had her meals sent in to her, and went immediately to the best professional dyer in New York upon her arrival. After this she never had her hair shampooed except by her own maid and with a preparation furnished by the shop which dyed her hair. But, my dear, you and I haven't made, and we can't travel in compartment cars across country to get our hair re-dyed when it does not look as it should. So why risk getting ourselves into such an awful mess? Home-dyed hair is almost inevitably the most awful failure, and the cause of many heartaches. Your hair may not be the color you wish, but at least it isn't purple or green as it might be after you tried to dye it. Why not shampoo it with great care at least once in two weeks, brush it every night gently but persistently, and practice dressing it becomingly? There is hardly any hair that won't respond to this treatment by taking on more life and color, and becoming good to look upon.

VIRGINIA.—It is against the rules of the department to answer by mail, so let me tell you here what to do about your hair. I am sorry it takes some time to give an answer to all the letters which come to me, but I know you will understand. It is quite likely that if you are only seventeen, your body has been pretty severely taxed by the growing-up process the past few years and hasn't had much surplus life to give to your hair, but you certainly ought to be able to produce better results now. First, let me remind you, as I am so often doing in these columns, that the hair depends upon the health of the entire body. I judge that typhoid fever pulled you down in strength somewhat and that you are not yet as robust as you might be. Well, make it your task to build yourself up. Go at it with a will, and keep at it every day. Eat plenty of good, sensible food three times a day, but not between meals, drink quantities of water, sleep eight or nine hours every night, see that your eliminative functions are kept normal. Bathe daily, have fresh air in your room at night, and get as much outdoor life as you can. Eat plenty of fruits. Exercise! Now with the assurance that you are going to do all these things, let me suggest some specific things which will help your hair. First, investigate to see whether the scalp is tight to the skull or moves easily back and forth. If it is tight, right there is one trouble, for the blood cannot circulate freely if scalp and skull are bound together. Get to work to loosen the scalp. Do this by nightly massage, which is the best kind of tonic for the hair. It is a good idea to dip the fingers very lightly in olive oil before beginning the massage, although a dry massage is also excellent for the scalp. Loosen the hair, brush it gently, and shake it, then slip the palms of the hands with the fingers held close together, under the hair on each side of the head. Now, pressing against the scalp with the finger-tips flattened, move the scalp back and forth upon the skull. Do not lift the fingers or rub them back and forth upon the hair. After a moment of this, change the position of the fingers and repeat, and so continue until every portion of the scalp has been gone over thoroughly and is in a glow. Sleep with the hair hanging loose or loosely braided. Never brush the hair hard, but gently, and do not use a wire brush on your hair as it is apt to roughen the scalp. Also be careful in the use of a comb, which should be called into action only to comb out tangles gently, never to touch the scalp itself. Shampoo your hair once in two weeks, using a Castile or good white household soap, shaving it in hot water and letting it dissolve into a milky liquid is formed. Pour this on the head in shampooing—never rub soap on the scalp or hair. Be sure to rinse thoroughly many, many times, and dry the hair, when possible, in the sun. Here is a hair tonic which is recommended, and which you might use, although the thing you must get straightened out first of all is your general physical condition. Gain a few pounds of flesh, a few degrees of color in your cheeks, and see how quickly your hair will begin to improve.

A Good Hair Tonic

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To apply a hair tonic, use a medicine dropper and part the hair, running the dropper down the part, then parting again, do the same, until the whole scalp has been reached. Follow by a gentle massage as before directed. Good luck to you!

BLUE EYES.—A good hair tonic is given in the answer just above. As to the remedy for hair on and under the arms, which will not let it come back—I am sorry I can't give you such a formula. If I could, I should be rolling in wealth, for every woman wants just that. The best treatment of which I know for superfluous hair is the French method—dampening the hair with ammonia one day, and with peroxide of hydrogen the next day, letting the liquid in each case dry on. This will kill the hair in time, and it bleaches it during the process, so that it is really



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not greatly noticeable. For a quick removal (the peroxide and ammonia is a slow treatment), I can recommend the following for under the arms, but not for the arms themselves, as the hair will certainly come back. Under the arms it does not matter, because you can take it off again, and the part is not plainly visible at any time. Here is the formula:

To Remove Superfluous Hair

Equal amounts of sulphate of barium and cornstarch. Add enough water to make a spreadable paste. Apply to wet and let dry. When dry, scrape off with the blunt edge of a silver knife or of a paper knife—the hair will come off with the paste. But, remember, it will return again, and you should not use this depilatory on face or arms.



THIS IS THE LOVELY WAY TO HOLD THE CHIN.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Yes, you weigh somewhat too much, but it should not be a hard matter for you to reduce a few pounds. You are probably very fond of candy and other sweets. Cut them out for a time, and do not eat much potato or rice or macaroni. Do not eat fat meats or gravies, pies or cake. There will be plenty left to eat—any kind of lean meat, fresh vegetables, fish, poultry. And don't eat too much or between meals. The "little holes" in your face are enlarged pores. Be more careful in your diet, and you will help this condition as well. Also, do not use hot water often on your face, and when you do use it, always rinse afterward, first in warm water, then in tepid water, and finally in cold water to close the pores. Using powder fills them and is apt to cause blackheads and pimples.

Address all letters containing questions to KATHERINE BOOTH, care COMFORT, AUGUSTA, MAINE.

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Be Careful What You Wash Your Hair With

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is Mulsified coconut oil shampoo, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap and beats anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

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Comfort's League of Cousins

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or any form of transportation has also soared to mountainous heights, and that the nickel which in the eyes of the average man is supposed to purchase anything and everything under the sun from a steam yacht to a toothpick, is now worth from two to two and a half cents. The average man still insists that his body must be carried seventeen miles for a depreciated nickel, just as it was years ago, unmindful of the fact that in the days of yore he was drawing \$3.50 a day and is now pulling down \$8 or \$10. If Mr. Average Man can't have his body hauled around the universe for five cents, he starts to tear up the tracks or chase the street cars out of the city. Then in comes the jitney and charges him twice or thrice as much as he paid the street cars and for a day or two he smiles with delight to think he is driving a corporation into bankruptcy. After two or three weeks he begins to count his money and jitney excitement palls. He figures out, maybe, that he had better have paid the extra cent the companies asked to save them from going broke, than go broke from paying for risky rides in sneaky, unheated flivvers. Then the sober second thought prevails as it ought to have prevailed at first, and the street cars are invited to return, and Mr. Ford's musical boxes are, for the nonce at least, relegated to the dump. Vernie, from your letter, it seems to me you are trying to still further complicate the transportation problem. You want to ride horseback to school and travel in the car at one and the same time. Now riding to school on a horse inside a street car may afford you lots of excitement and give the poor gee-gee a much-needed rest, but what about the passengers? Think of their poor toes if Mr. Horse started stepping on them as he undoubtedly would. Think, too, if there be a fat lady in the car and Mr. Horse takes a notion to sit in her lap, and if while he's taking his ease and she's taking her squeeze, he observes a dignified gentleman seated opposite with long white whiskers and he mistakes these whiskers for a bale of hay and starts to devour them, then you'll be sued for a million dollars damages, while all you can do is to send the poor man a bill for a shave. I advise you, Vernie, either to ride on horseback to school or go in the car, but don't attempt to ride and go in the car at the same time. Of course everybody ought to read COMFORT and join the League, and if everyone had the good common sense that you possess, Vernie, they would doubtless do it.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
How are you getting on? I am twelve years old, have light hair and blue eyes. I am four feet tall and weigh ninety-two pounds. We live on a large farm near South Boston. We raise corn, wheat and rye and many other things. We have a car. It is a Stewdaker. Papa has a store. I can cook sew and take care of the children. I will come again soon.
From your niece, CLEO POWELL.

Cleo, you ask me how I am getting on. Sorry to say I am not getting on at all, as a matter of fact, I'm figuring out where I am going to get off. I belong to that wretched, unhappy class of people, who have not only not profited by this war as most people have, but have been practically ruined by it. The world has suddenly discovered that it does not want brains, intelligence, soul or spirit. It simply wants its belly filled, just as the hog does. There is going to be no place in a state of society that is leveled down to a hog basis and soon even the hogs will get tired of it, and will look with horror on the havoc they have created. If I could only go out and pick coal, fry steel, lead ships, make paper or set type and bind the books I occasionally sell, I'd have as well a limousine as the gentleman who delivers our milk (not the farmer who produces it). It's tough when the man who sets the type for a book or prints it boosts his wages to such a dizzy height, that the man who writes and creates the matter that is being put into print has to crawl under the bed when the landlord comes. The Lord knows I want everybody to have all that they are honestly entitled to, but when one class starts to freeze and starve another class, and doesn't care a darn how many it kills so long as it gets what it wants, then we are worse than the Huns who turned Europe into a slaughter house. If Uncle Sam does not do something to regulate matters and see that those who have a right to live are allowed to live, then I'm going to complain to Officer Grogan on the corner and have Sam arrested, and you bet if Officer Grogan ever looks cockeyed at Uncle Sam, the old gent will get busy, for, though the Jews own New York, it is the Grogans who control it. After all, I won't complain to Uncle Sam. The intolerable conditions that exist and which will continue for years, are all due to the fact that thirty million men were withdrawn from constructive industry and forced to give the last ounce of their energy to making weapons of destructive devilry. The world is flooded with fake money, a ton of which won't buy a lunch for a grasshopper. The world's cupboard has been swept bare and every strike tends to make it more barren. More work, more sacrifice, more production, more patience, more thrift, less extravagance, less ugliness, hysteria, discontent, and a broad and impartial view of world conditions, faith in our institutions—and God, with all the old-time American virtues, will pull us through. The world has been blown to pieces and millions have perished in the explosion. Now help, all you can, to gather up the pieces and stick it together again and don't blame Uncle Sam, Wall Street, Morgan, John Bull, France or Belgium for your troubles. That's old pre-German stuff that even the Huns don't believe in any longer. The gentleman who dynamited the world and who is responsible for all our troubles is one Bill Hohenzollern, occupation, woodchopper, residence, Holland. I can't quite understand about that car and the Stewdaker. I know there are a good many bakers who have got stewed, and now I suppose, owing to prohibition and the scarcity of liquor, they have converted themselves into cars. One thing is sure, I would not care to have a stewed baker driving a car of mine. I suppose if the stewed baker ever sobers up there will be no more joy rides. It is time that the car was locked up for no one ever knows what a stewed baker will do. Papa must have his hands full taking care of a store and running a two-hundred-acre farm, and if Papa gets his hands full that's not living strictly up to the prohibition law. It's a tough job putting this prohibition law through, anyway. Even the ships that go up and down our bay are loaded, and if the whole country goes dry then the umbrella men will go broke and commit suicide. You have many accomplishments, Cleo, and I am glad you can cook and sew but don't cook the children as we shall need all we can get of them for the next great war, compared to which the last war will be a pink tea.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
I am a boy eight years of age and I live on a farm of eighty acres. I have to large rabbits. We raise quite a few pigs and in order to keep them from squealing my daddy has to husk corn by moonlight as well as by daylight. Sometimes I help him. I think it is fun. I live one half miles from school and our teacher's name is Miss Martain. We have 25 pupils at school. I have a brother and his name is Armand. If I see this in print I will write again.
Your little nephew, ALTON W. STIMSON.

Alton, it would do our hearts good if we could only see the large "rabbits." What kind

of animal are rabbits, anyway, and to what use do you put them? Do you use them for pets, food, or to scare away the Bolsheviks, and how many acres does it require to hold one, let alone "to" (two) large "rabbits"? In visions I see your poor daddy husking corn by moonlight in a vain endeavor to still the clamor of the pigs for more grub. The champion hog keeper is Uncle Sam. He has been husking corn for every variety of hog under the sun, but the more the hogs get, the more they squeal and the more they want. Uncle Sam has discovered that his farming methods have been all wrong and he is going to give the squealing hogs a new diet, at least he says he is (for Uncle Sam is such a good-hearted old softy you never can tell just how he is going to act). He is rounding up the squealing hogs and, instead of feeding them, his intentions are (if he does not change his mind) to kill off a bunch of them and ship the balance out of the country. That is the only way to treat overfed hogs who will insist on squealing and have made up their minds to eat us out of house and home and turn the whole country into one huge pig-pen. Uncle Sam has husked corn too long for these tens of thousands of disgruntled hogs and every time he has fed them they have tried to bite his hands. It is a shame that these hogs should be deported to other countries to do more squealing while others husk corn for them. If I had my way I would take them half way across the Atlantic or Pacific and then let them walk the rest. Then you'd hear some fine squealing in various languages. I am anxious to know about those 25 pupils you have in your school, Alton. Do you have to husk corn to keep them quiet, too, or do you just use a club? What is teacher trying to run, a dog pound or a school? Billy the Goat says that you mean pupils. We are greatly relieved to know that. We have too many disgruntled hogs of the two-legged variety and too many pups, but we can never have too many bright little boys of the Alton Stimson type. Miss Martain ought to be very proud of you, Alton, and if she isn't, your Uncle Charlie is, and if he were not scared of the "to" large "rabbits" he would come out and help you put some of those hogs out of business.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
I live on a farm and go to school and am in the fifth grade. I can crochet and milk and do lots of housework. I can milk and sweep almost every thing in the house. I have four brothers and one sister. One of my brothers is in Germany in the U. S. Army.

LUNDY, N. C.

He has been in the army for four years. I am the baby one at home. I hope you and Billy the Goat had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So I will close.
Your loving niece, GERTRUDE THOMAS.

Gertrude, you are a very bright, busy young lady, and I have no doubt your mother appreciates, even as I do, all your wonderful accomplishments as a housekeeper. Like most of my youthful correspondents, however, you did not put a single a in your letter. All your a's were o's. What the poor letter a has done, what terrible crimes it has committed, that it should be banished from the alphabet, I have failed to discover, and why o, which looks like a dumpling or a Salvation Army doughnut, should be so highly honored and so universally used, is more than I can comprehend. The Goat says it takes a little more trouble and care to make the letter a than is required in the case of the letter o. There you have it. All the woes of humanity have come upon us because we have preferred to be careless instead of careful. To be careful and to take pains to do things properly is the basis of all thoroughness and efficiency, and thoroughness and efficiency are the basis of greatness, genius and all that is best in life. Success in life consists in doing a multitude of little things and doing them well. To be careless is to be sloppy and to be a slob is to be about everything that is repugnant and repulsive. The greatest of all our industries is the canning industry and yet our boys and girls don't seem to want to can, they all want to con, and people who go into the con business, sooner or later land in the pen. Boys and girls, show this letter to your teachers. It is they who are to blame, not you. Gertrude says she con, or rather can, crochet. I hope no canned-crochet products will be sent to our boys who fought Germany, for our soldiers have suffered enough from German bullets in the front, without being crocheted in the rear. Gertrude, you are some housekeeper if you can milk and sweep almost every thing, or everything as it should be, about the house. We are paying 20 cents a quart for milk from the parlor organ, the family sofa, chairs, tables, etc., there is a fortune in it for you and your conscience won't prick you when you get the poor, tired family cow out of bed just as she is indulging in her beauty sleep in the cold grey dawn of drowsy morn. You might send me a sample of parlor organ milk by parcel post and perhaps we can do business to our mutual advantage. I can't acquire any strength on even the most expensive

grade of cow's milk but maybe if you could send me some lacteal fluid from the parlor organ I might get strength enough to go out and swat the stuffing out of the Bolsheviks, the I. W. W.'s and all the other pestilential cranks and rascals who are trying to turn this country into a nutty house. I hope your brother will soon return home safely. Comparatively few of our men have seen four years' service as he has done. Now mind the a's and don't forget the milk and let me hear from you as soon as possible.

DIXON, MISS.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:
I am a girl five feet and a half tall, weigh 115 pounds, have brown hair and eyes. To anyone who guesses my age I will send my picture. It is between fourteen and eighteen. Will some of you come over and help me watch the cows? My sister and I have to mind them from father's corn and you may know it is some job as we have fourteen to watch. I had one brother in the army overseas. He was gone nine months and we never heard a word from him. He has returned now. Will someone please send me the song "Texas Cowboy" and "Nellie Gray".
Your niece, MAY PEARL BARNETT.

May, you inform us that your picture is between fourteen and eighteen. Fourteen and eighteen what? Why leave us in doubt on this momentous question? Sorry I can't come and help you make those cows behave themselves. It must be terrible having fourteen cows trying to step on father's corn all at once. If I were father I'd go around on stilts, sit on the roof or send for the police. It is bad enough to have one cow step on your corn, let alone fourteen. I am not quite sure, from the way you word your letter, whether father has fourteen cows that need watching and one cow, or one corn and fourteen cows. Anyway, it is a sad predicament whichever way you look at it. The Goat says maybe you refer to the corn that grows put in the field and not those that decorate father's toes. That, of course, is another matter. But I am sorry for a field if it has to have its corns trodden on. I should think the best remedy for your trouble would be to plant potatoes, or else raise chicken which can fly every time they see the cows coming. Maybe you could get Luther Burbank to invent a new variety of cow that is warranted not to step on father's corn, spoil his crops and disperse milk at ten instead of twenty cents a quart. Sorry you did not hear from your brother who went overseas for nine months. Probably

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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NEW JERSEY.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND ALL COMFORT READERS:

This is my third attempt to have my little bit added to your very interesting corner, and I am hoping that neither Billy the goat nor his brother get hold of it before it goes to print.

I enjoyed Criss's letter very much; she voiced my sentiments exactly. I should like to correspond with her, if she cares to. Also Elizabeth Wagner of Indianapolis, Ind. She gave no street address, and I was afraid that a letter addressed that way would not reach her. I also enjoyed "Comfort Reader's" letter. I should like very much to hear from sisters living in Colorado and the southern part of California, as I expect to take a trip out that way in the early spring, and should like to know what opportunities there are of getting a position. I have a very good place here, in the busy city of New York, that of a private secretary, but I long for the great outdoors, as I have read and heard so much about the great Golden West that I just can't wait for the day that I will be boarding the train that will carry me safely to "God's Own Country." I certainly will appreciate any information that the sisters will send me, and I will try and answer all letters received.

Perhaps you would all like to know what the writer looks like. Well, there really isn't much to say, as I dislike talking about oneself. I am somewhere between twenty-five and thirty, weigh about one hundred and thirty pounds, five feet four inches tall, Irish blue eyes and dark brown hair. Just full of life, love everyone that is good and sincere, and try to get the most and best out of life. If my letter passes the board of censors, I will drop in again sometime. I will leave my address with Mrs. Wilkinson, and will more than appreciate her kindness in forwarding the letters to me.

Best wishes to all COMFORT's staff, and all COMFORT's readers.

MADGE.

MADGE.—Through you I want to apologize to Elizabeth Wagner for omitting her address. It was unintentional and I regret very much the inconvenience it has caused her. She wishes me to explain that letters written to her and held at General Delivery were returned to senders after being kept the usual number of days, and that she will answer all letters in the future. Her address is 1812 Singleton St., Indianapolis, Ind. And speaking of letters reminds me that in a recent issue I asked for the address of Old Maid, which I accidentally destroyed (I'm a very careless person, I assure you), and received addresses of three "Old Maids," each claiming to be the one referred to. Now, what shall I do?

—Ed.

MARYLAND.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND COMFORT SISTERS:

Will you allow a girl from this part of the state to enter your corner and sit down for just a few minutes? I call myself a girl although I have been



EDWARD WILLIAM, MARYLAND.

married nearly four years and have a sweet baby boy just sixteen months old. He is walking but cannot speak a word. I am sending his picture, taken when he was seven months old, which you may use in COMFORT if you care to. His name is Edward William. Best wishes to all.

PUG.

PUG.—Doubtless Edward William has it all reasoned out thus: "Why bother to talk when I have a perfectly good smile always ready?" We think he is a very nice youngster.—Ed.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

All Aboard for Saltair—All Aboard. Here we go! This is part of the residential district of Salt Lake City we are now passing through. This is the poorer locality, but it does not look very poor at that. There is very little poverty in Utah. That little stream of water we are passing over is called the Jordan River. It is fed by City Creek Canyon, and in turn empties into the Great Salt Lake.

Now we are out of the sage-brush land and that white substance you see on the soil is alkali dust and furnished Uncle Sam with potash during our struggle with the Huns, without which product our case would have been hopeless. We will see the Potash Plant farther out.

This rather large pool is the "Black Slows." Wild ducks live here.

That white stuff piled up there in big heaps is the unrefined salt. The water of the lake is pumped out to the "salt fields" where it is run into the moulds, which are from two to three hundred feet long. The sun evaporates the water, leaving the salt crusted on the ground. Then more water is run and evaporated. When the mould is filled with salt, it is cut, piled on cars, and sent over to the refining plant. When it leaves there in bags, it is pure white and ready for the market. This brand of salt is called the Crystal Salt. Try it, sisters. It is said to be the saltiest salt on the market. We never use anything else at home.

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Don't you dare to dive! You will break your neck. That water is 37 per cent solids and 22 per cent of it is salt. You dip down until your shoulders are covered. Now you are not cold. Afraid to float? Come, Nellie Fischer, let's show 'em how. Just ease yourself backward, moving your arms forward. See how easy it is done. Your head reaches the water and your feet come up. Cross your feet and it will be easier to balance yourself. Keep up that forward movement of your arms, and you will glide along just like a rowboat. When you want to get up, draw your knees up under your chin, while pressing your arms backward and downward. See, you come up just like a cork bounces up when you have held it under water. Do you like to swim? I do. Now, put most of your weight on your feet, because, in salt water, your feet have a tendency to "sink" upward, where in fresh water they sink down. Do that overhand

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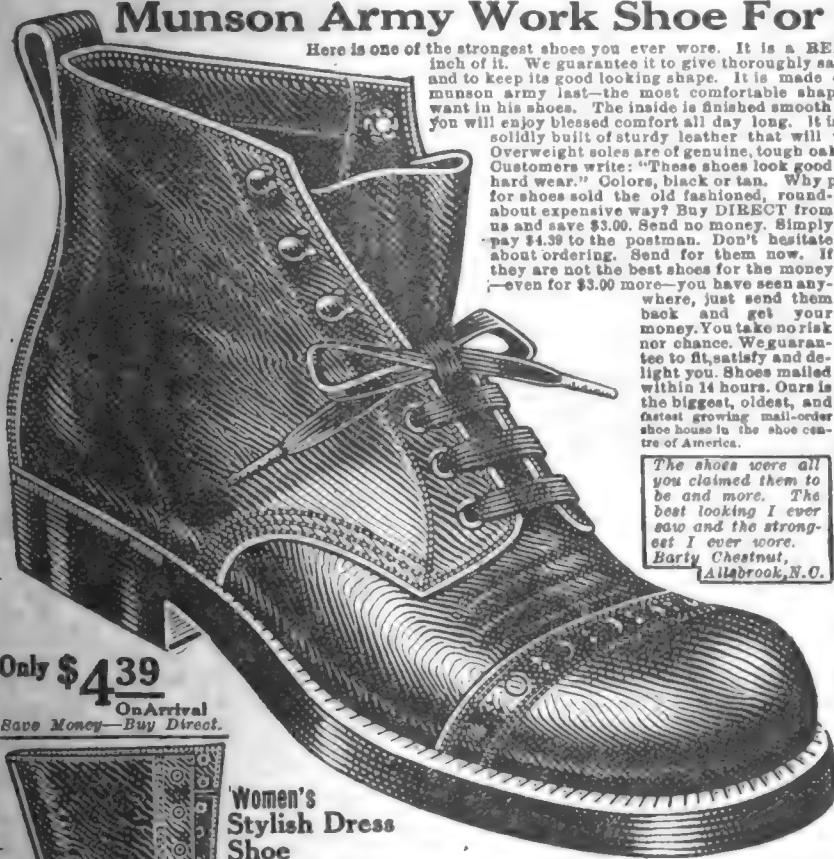
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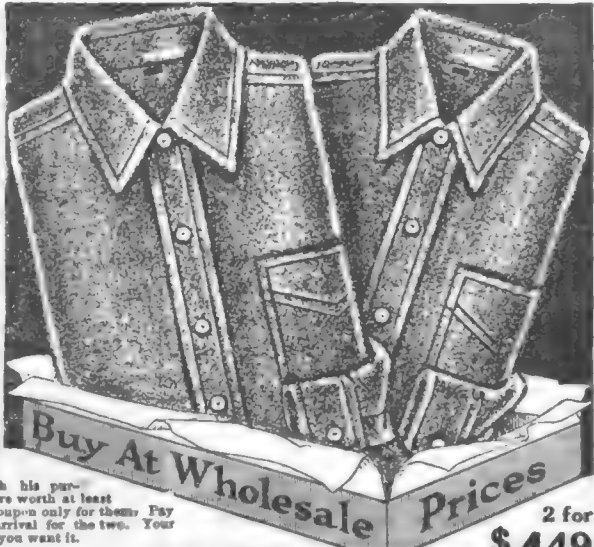


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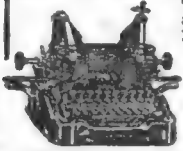
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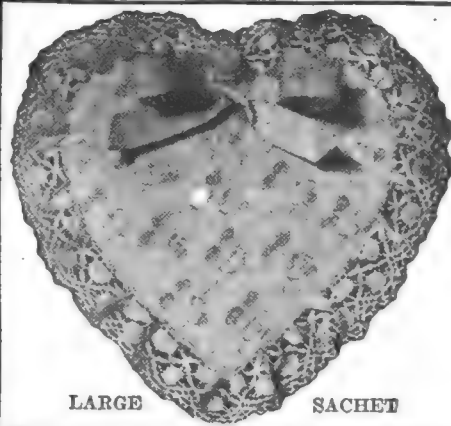
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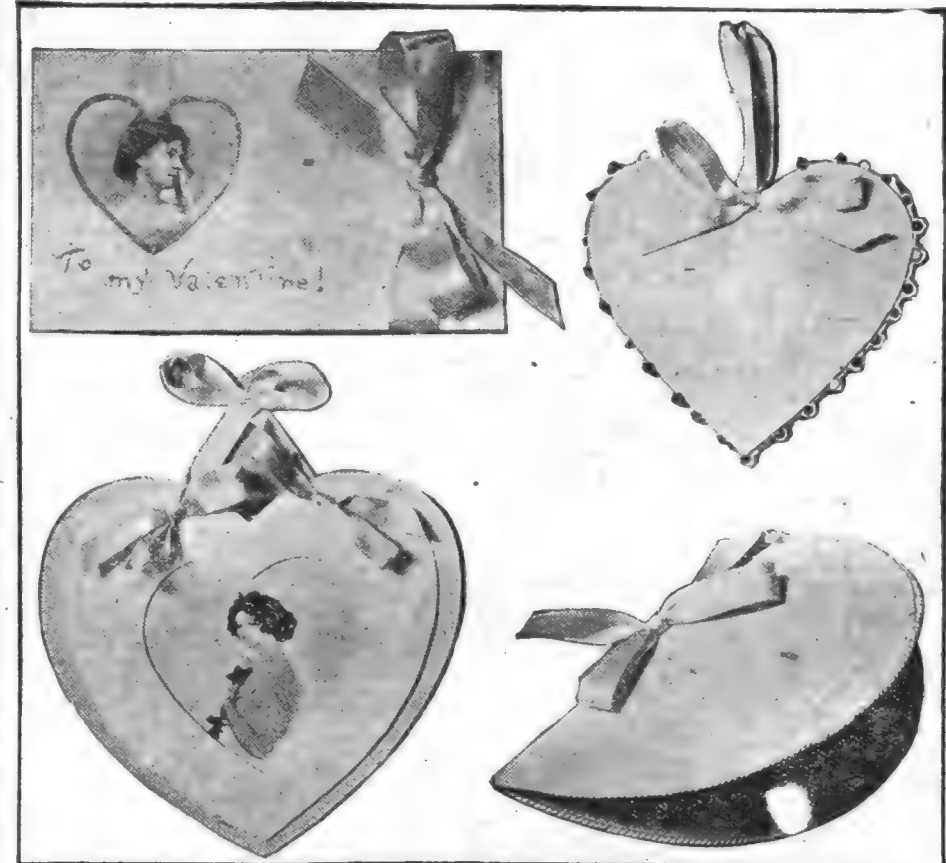
IT is very easy to make valentines at home and these dainty trifles are often much more acceptable than more expensive valentines that are bought in the stores, added to which the home-made varieties are generally useful, while the ready-made valentines are no earthly good to anybody once they have served their original purpose. Little girls especially enjoy making these valentines for their friends or perhaps for mother or older sister.

Mothers will most appreciate the heart needle-book shown on this page, which is made by cutting two hearts from cardboard. Three inches broad by two high is a useful size, but of course they can be made larger or smaller as desired. It is best to cut a pattern out of stiff paper before you cut into your cardboard. This pattern can then be folded in the center and the sides trimmed exactly alike until you have a perfect heart shape to cut by. Taking a little precaution in this way prevents the valentine from looking lopsided as hearts so often are when carelessly cut out. Cover each of the heart-shaped pieces of cardboard on one side with a bit of pretty silk, a piece of thin velvet, or even chaille, satine or alkaline or best of all a bit of pretty cretonne. Put these covers on firmly, but not quite as tight as usual in

made by cutting in heart shape two layers of cotton wadding with violet sachet or orris powder or any odor of sachet preferred scattered between the layers. This is covered with two heart-shaped bits of silk or satin. Embroider one of these pieces with a tiny design of forget-me-nots in pale embroidery silk or mercerized cotton. Overhand each side of the sachet together and as a finish trim with a tiny crocheted scallop or a bit of narrow val lace.

Another sachet illustrated is much larger, but just as useful in its own way. This is made of cretonne, silk, or satin and is intended to place in the top bureau drawer to scent the veils or handkerchiefs. It is very simple and easy indeed to make, but very pretty and acceptable for all that. About six inches wide by six from the top of the lobe to the tip of the point of the heart is the usual size, though, naturally, it can be as much larger or smaller as anyone wishes. It is lined with cotton wadding just like the tiny sachet described above. From four to six sheets of wadding are generally used for the purpose and sachet powder is sprinkled rather thickly between the layers and narrow lace is pulled slightly between the two sides when they are overhanded together. Trim the top with a bow.

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articles of this kind, for these little hearts must be bent in the center as the needle-book folds over. The edges should be overhanded together and it makes a very neat finish to sew a cord on the edge as shown in the illustration. The leaves of the book can be made of white flannel or better still of pink or pale blue flannel if you have it. This is fastened in by baby ribbon through holes pierced in the cardboard.

Another easily made but very effective valentine is the heart-shaped frame shown in the large picture. First a large heart should be cut from cardboard. Either the brown or the gray-toned board that is sold for mounting photographs is ideal for this, but if you cannot conveniently get this, the cover or side of an old pasteboard box will serve, provided there is no printing on it. Cover this with crepe paper or paste on a piece of wall paper with a pretty flower. Partly covering this, there is another heart of white or tinted cardboard cut out in the center and glued at the top and bottom, but leaving a place through which a photograph or picture can be slipped, or if you prefer a pretty colored picture cut from an old magazine can be pasted in the larger heart and the white frame pasted right on top of this. A pretty ribbon at the top serves to hang it on the wall.

The tiny heart-shaped sachet makes a dear little valentine to slip in an envelope and send to a distant friend with a note of good wishes or even with that letter you have been so long owing. Any girl or woman would be very glad to get such a dainty little trifle to wear just under the blouse or to slip in the front of the corset, for everybody complains that the new low-cut corsets, especially if they have elastic tops, press into the body uncomfortably. But if a small flat pad is placed just under the top of the steels in the front this trouble can be overcome. This little valentine remembrance is just the exactly right shape to remedy this. It is

take a small envelope of thick white paper and cut a pretty picture from a magazine. Make the picture heart shaped if possible. Glue around it the narrowest gold cord that comes or carefully make a border around it with a colored pencil or gold paint and print or write underneath, "To my valentine." Tie a pretty ribbon in a flat bow at one end and nail it to the one loved best.

Heart-shaped pincushions are not new, but they are just as useful as they ever were and exactly the thing to send to a girl's "best fellow." The prettiest are made by covering two heart-shaped pieces of the ever useful cardboard with a pretty bit of silk, satin or cretonne, but red silk, satin or velvet are decidedly the most appropriate for valentine purposes. These are overhanded firmly together and a ribbon hanger is sewed in at the top, and a row of alternate white and black pins stuck all around the edges.

Then there is the Valentine Blotter which is very quickly put together by cutting two or three pieces of blotting paper of any color preferred, in heart shape and making for these a cover of the shape of stiff white paper. With a fine brush paint a narrow border on this of gold paint and letter it as illustrated "For my lady fair," or "For my best friend," if it is intended for a man, or it can be lettered simply, "To My Valentine."

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Mid-Winter Cookery

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CRANBERRY SAUCE.—Pick over and wash one quart of cranberries, put in an agate-lined saucepan with two cups of sugar and one cup of boiling water and cook without stirring for twenty minutes. Keep closely covered.

CRANBERRY RELISH.—Cut one pint of cranberries in halves, cover with cold water and soak about ten minutes. Drain. Cut one orange in halves and scrape out the inside, being careful not to get any of the white. Chop half a cup of raisins fine. Put all together with one quarter of a cup of good vinegar, and one cup of sugar, and cook until thick. Add a pinch of clove, one quarter of a teaspoon of ginger and one teaspoon of cinnamon, and cook a few minutes longer.

CRANBERRY PIE.—Line deep pie plate with a thin crust. Cut cranberries in halves and fill plate. Mix thoroughly one tablespoon of flour, and a pinch each of cinnamon and ginger with one cup of sugar and spread over cranberries. Over this grate a little orange rind, and add bits of butter. Put inch-wide strips of pastry across the top about one inch apart both ways to form squares. Bake in a moderately hot oven about forty-five minutes.

CRANBERRY ADE.—Squeeze the juice from cranberries by first putting through the food chopper. Add cold water and let stand a few hours. Pass through cheese-cloth bag. Sweeten with a syrup made from granulated sugar, or with honey. Add water, about two thirds as much as there is cranberry juice. This is a very wholesome.

LINCOLN JELLY.—Cook one slice of red beet in two cups of water until a bright red color is obtained. Strain through cloth. Return to fire and when boiling add two tablespoons of gelatin which has been previously soaked twenty minutes in one cup of cold water. Stir until dissolved. Add to this one half cup of lemon juice and one cup of sugar. Stir until dissolved and strain. Pour about two inches deep into an agate-lined baking pan. When firm, cut into oblongs; the proportions of a flag. To produce the effect of stars and stripes, put boiled frosting which has not been cooked quite to the point of "threading" into a paper cornucopia and press through a small opening in lines on the jelly, leaving a square at the upper left-hand corner to be filled in with dots of the frosting. Served on white lettuce leaves, it is very decorative.

Driven Apart

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"You had a friend, a Mexican girl?" he inquired.

"Tonita Morales—yes, yes!" answered Beryl, clasping her hands convulsively.

"Well," went on Trenwyck, "Miss Morales has taken refuge in a house on Sutter Street. It is my house," he added unblushingly, "and I told Miss Morales that I would try to find you. She has good news for you, Miss Grayson."

"At last, at last!" murmured Beryl, in tearful gratitude, lifting her eyes above.

Hope had opened the closed door of her emotions, for this stray gleam of joy seemed to promise fulfillment of her dearest desire. Tonita had sent for her! No doubt her "good news" had to do with Neil.

"Will you go with me?" asked Trenwyck insinuatingly.

"Without a moment's delay," replied Beryl. "Heaven will reward you for lifting a poor, forlorn girl out of her black despair."

She arose to his side and accepted the support of his proffered arm; then, together, they left Portsmouth Square. Trenwyck kept his eyes on the moving form of Gorsline, and there was another who kept her eyes on Trenwyck and the devoted Beryl, following them as steadfastly as they followed the ruffian in the lead.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE HOUSE IN SUTTER STREET.

It was strange that, on that first awful day of the shock when death stared the whole city in the face and women knelt in the streets and implored the Most High for mercy, iniquitous men could think and plan and execute for their own selfish ends. Yet, let it be borne in mind that such an opportunity for crime had never before come to the wicked in that great and ruined metropolis.

Greed was the mainspring of action in both Trenwyck and Gorsline. The unprincipled lawyer was to gain by separating Beryl from her heart's love; a proud and haughty family was to pay him his price for the fendish work, even as was the wretched Berdyne in case the lovely prize should fall to him. As for the inhuman Gorsline, he had eyes for nothing but the priceless gem with which Neil had sealed his marriage vows.

There were no blue-garbed infantrymen to interfere with the brutal scoundrels as they proceeded in the carrying out of their dark designs. The smoke of fires eating at the city's heart was already hovering in the air, and the detonations of dynamite came fitfully from the region east of Sansome Street. San Francisco's doom was written in vivid characters, for the trade wind had set in and was fanning the flames westward. And through it all these two unprincipled men, in the hope of gain, continued to weave their web of deceit about the destiny of the pure and helpless girl.

Constantly watching the swiftly moving form of Gorsline, Trenwyck led Beryl along Sutter Street and into the deserted house through whose door the gangster had flitted like an evil spirit. In one of the front rooms, whose appointments had been marvelously well preserved, the lawyer asked Beryl to be seated until he could go and bring Tonita.

Trembling with joy and her sweet face flushed with hope, Beryl dropped wearily into a chair. Trenwyck went out, and in a rear apartment held a whispered colloquy with his confederate.

During his first visit to the abandoned mansion, Gorsline had surveyed it pretty thoroughly. He now brought this knowledge to bear, and, as a result of the colloquy, the lawyer returned to Beryl, and the gunman fled up a rear stairway. In a chamber on the second floor he secured three or four sheets, which he twisted into ropes, then he stole down again, glided into a noble apartment luxuriously furnished as a library, and secreted these gathered materials. Next he sat out, on a table in the dining-room, some cold viands he found in the pantry, a silver pitcher half filled with water, and a decanter of wine. This work completed, Gorsline secreted himself.

Meanwhile, Trenwyck, with his lying face and false tongue, had returned to Beryl.

"I am very sorry, Miss Grayson," said he, as though deeply grieved, "but your friend Miss Morales has gone out herself to look for you."

A sharp cry of dismay broke from poor Beryl. "All the rest of my family have fled from the house," went on Trenwyck, plausibly, "and only one servant is left. This servant tells me, however, that Miss Morales said she would return in an hour or so, and requested that if I was happily successful in finding you and bringing you here, you should wait until she returned."

"I must wait," said Beryl, resignedly, "for there is nothing else I can do. Besides, I am too weary to take another step."

"I am very sorry," pursued Trenwyck, "that some of the female members of my household did not remain, but they are all at our country place in Monterey by this time. However, if you will accept of my hospitality and accompany me to the dining-room, I can offer you that food we have."

"Could you tell me, sir," returned Beryl, "what news Tonita has for me?"

"If I am not mistaken," answered the artful lawyer, "she said something about a Mr. Neil Preston. This gentleman, as I understand, is seeking you, and has appointed a rendezvous somewhere in one of the parks. Miss Morales, I believe, is to take you to him."

A half sob of joy broke from Beryl's lips. "Oh, my darling, my darling Neil!" she murmured. "Is he well?" She reached up and caught one of the lawyer's hands with convulsive eagerness.

"He must be well, Miss Grayson," answered the crafty lawyer, "or he would not be able to look for you. But, come! May I conduct you to the dining-room?"

Fresh strength ran pulsing through her tired body. A wild joy had seized upon her heart, and she was disposed to think lightly of her present trials in view of the happiness that apparently lay before her.

"You are more than kind to me," said Beryl, starting up. "Will you tell me your name? I wish to remember it with gratitude till my dying day!"

"Percival," he answered, with an insinuating smile.

The girl's ravishing beauty, which had become radiant under the touch of hope, aroused something in his nature which he had never experienced before. He recalled Berdyne's exalted praises of Beryl's loveliness, and he now saw that, extravagant though they seemed, they had failed to do the subject justice.

Trenwyck envied Neil Preston the love which he had won, and he did not wonder that Berdyne should move heaven and earth in his attempts to gain so beautiful a prize.

In the dining-room, Beryl ate of the food set forth by Gorsline. The water, although too warm and insipid, she relished as a draft from the springs of paradise. No refreshment had touched her lips since Neil had halted the automobile at the wayside resort the night before. She would have none of the wine, although Trenwyck urged her to drink of it. The lawyer himself drank glass after glass, and his eyes brightened and his face reddened with his potations.

And outside the doom of the city was creeping stealthily and relentlessly onward. Yet poor, deceived Beryl, the half-intoxicated Trenwyck, and the greedy Gorsline seemed to think of nothing connected with their perilous situation.

"I think," faltered Beryl, troubled at the recklessness which was growing in the lawyer's manner, "that I will go back to the other room, Mr. Percival."

"Certainly, Miss Grayson, certainly," said Trenwyck, thickly, starting to his feet. "This room," and he walked unsteadily to a door, and threw it open, "has suffered less from the earthquake than any other room in the house. You can wait there for your friend—quite comfortably."

"Thank you," answered Beryl, a vague fear rising in her breast as she caught the open and insolent admiration in Trenwyck's eyes.

In that moment a swift intuition of danger would have sent her flying from the house, but for her cherished hope of meeting Tonita. To go forth into that desolated city again, drifting to and fro with the aimless tide of refugees, and abandoning Tonita and her darling husband, was not to be thought of. She steeled herself to remain where she was, and passed into the library.

Trenwyck followed her.

"You are weary," said he, pointing to a broad leather divan. "Take a little rest, my fair one, and be assured that I will watch over your slumbers until—until your friend comes."

The boldness of his manner increased. Beryl stole a look about the rich apartment. Books were scattered over the floor, and the massive furniture had slid about into unwonted places. A white bust of Shakespeare hung half over the edge of a bracket. The windows had fallen out, and, as the library was on the first floor, she felt that those windows were so many avenues of escape in case she found it necessary to flee. "You have been most generous and kind, Mr. Percival," said she, as calmly as she could. "Will you not continue to be so? Pray leave me for a little—I can rest better if I am alone."

"Jove!" muttered the lawyer, his eyes smoldering like coals. "You are beautiful as a houri, my girl. I do not wonder that you have turned the brains of men, like Preston and Berdyne, or—"

A scream broke from her lips.

"Berdyne! What do you know of Berdyne?" Her hands leaped to her heaving bosom, and she wondered if again—again she had been deceived! No, no, it could not be! She was there to meet Tonita, and Tonita would take her to Neil. If this hope were blasted, she felt that she must die.

"Oh, leave me, leave me!" she cried, frightened by the lawyer's manner.

"Not yet, my enchanting little beauty," he answered, starting unsteadily toward her. "If you will give me a kiss—only one—"

"Never, never!" she screamed, retreating before him.

It seemed as though he would accomplish his purpose in spite of her. But at that moment, as though the angels of innocence themselves had flown to her protection, the floor heaved beneath them, and the walls rocked. Many shocks had followed the great cataclysm throughout that momentous day, and this one, while far less severe than the first, was sufficient to jar down a few toppling walls.

The white bust on the bracket fell, and just at the moment Trenwyck was reaching forth his arms to grasp Beryl about the waist, the bust struck the half-tipsy lawyer on the shoulder, and bore him to the floor.

Beryl turned to gain the unglazed opening that marked the place of one of the windows. Before she could reach it, another man ran in.

"Fool!" shouted a husky voice; "you've tipped our hand now, an' spoiled everything, for all I know. Get out o' here, if you're sober enough. Go an' find Berdyne!"

Beryl caught one glimpse of the fierce, lowering visage of Dave Gorsline. The next moment she was seized roughly, and hurried into a chair.

CHAPTER XVII.

NEIL'S DREAM OF HOPE.

Neil, heartsick at the workings of fate which had prevented him from finding his lost darling at the ruined rectory, hurried off in the direction indicated by the soldier. Poor, wandering Beryl was somewhere within a few blocks of him, but ah, how helpless he was to go directly to her, or to acquaint her with his presence in that part of the city! Like one demented, he raced through one desolated street after another, gazing staringly at all he passed, halting now and again at places where refugees had gathered, to call her name. Only a mocking silence greeted his cries, and at every step pitiless fortune seemed at war with him. Yet ever and always he kept repeating to himself, with the grimness of despair: "I will find her! I will find her!"

He seemed to have been made the sport of circumstances. Had he hastened a little faster on his way from the Mechanics' Pavilion, had he not been turned aside so many times by the soldiers, he would have reached the dismantled house in Pine Street in time to meet his dear one, to kiss away her tears, dispel her wild doubts and lead her to safety. How his spirit writhed with the thought of what a few minutes had denied him—and her. Still, "I will find her, I will find her!" he muttered through his tense lips, and kept relentlessly on.

He had scarcely slept since Irma Lee had sought him out, and told him that his sweet-heart was at Sunset Ranch. Tuesday had been a day of happiness, of sorrow, and of unrelenting action. Tuesday night, unceasing vigilance had been demanded of him in guiding the *Red Flyer*. And now Wednesday—that fateful Wednesday!—was calling upon him for his keenest faculties, his greatest energy, and he felt endurance failing under the strain.

The proprietor of that little grocery store was a rare spirit! He even joked as he pointed out the food most suitable for the homeless and wretched ones to whom he was giving his stock. Somehow, the cheeriness of the man heartened Neil wonderfully. Neil was but one of thousands upon whom misfortune had descended heavily that day!

While the grocer's kindness revived Neil's drooping spirit, the rough-and-ready fare exerted a wholesome influence on his waning strength. When he left the place it was with hope renewed.

He passed among the Orientals who had taken refuge in Portsmouth Square; he even halted for a space beside the very spot at the foot of the Stevenson Memorial from which Beryl had been conducted by Trenwyck. Near him stood two men, Americans. One was grizzled and gray, his hands horny and seamed with toil. The other was of fifty, or thereabouts, with a refined and intellectual face. The first carried a small tool box, such as carpenters sometimes use, and the second held in his hands a Boston bag.

"I was worth half a million this morning,"

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tions, which I can only liken to the lovely flowers that sometimes bloom at the foot of a glacier; sweet songs, that have been like balm to my wounded heart, and—but why enumerate? Do you understand what I mean, and will you be my daughter, Violet, and let me take care of you?"

"How good you are to me, Mr. Lawrence," she began, gratefully; but the look of perplexity on her young face still told him that she could not see her way quite clear, even yet to answer as he desired.

He sat thoughtfully silent for a few moments, then he said, with great kindness and gentleness:

"Do not feel that you must decide the matter tonight, Violet. Take a little time to think it over—a week, a month even, if you wish; only try to remember while you are considering that there is a lonely, anxious man awaiting a verdict, which will mean a great deal to him whichever way it is rendered."

Violet was relieved by this suggestion.

She could not decide now if forced to do so. She felt that her answer must be in the negative.

Oh, if he had never asked her to be his wife!

She could not readily forget and learn at once to regard him in the light of a parent, when he had so recently declared himself her lover. Had that declaration never been made, she would never have thought of such a thing, and thus she could easily have stepped into a daughter's place in his home.

Thus the matter rested for a time, and things went on as before.

Mr. Lawrence appeared much more cheerful, however, and was secretly confident that he would win his point in the end.

So assured of this was he that he made his will that very week, dividing his property, as he said he would do, giving one half to Violet and the other half to Miss Mary Lawrence or her heirs, if she or they could be found within a year after his decease. In case they could not, the whole should revert to his adopted daughter.

Then, in order to satisfy Violet still further, he inserted advertisements in several New York and Boston papers—for Massachusetts had formerly been the woman's place of residence—asking for information regarding Miss Mary Lawrence, and stating that she would learn something to her advantage if she would make herself known to the party advertising.

This done, Mr. Lawrence then had papers of adoption, regularly drawn up and made ready for the young girl's signature, when she should make up her mind fully as to what she would do.

Two or three weeks went by, during which Violet by her tireless efforts to contribute to his comfort, endeared herself more and more to the lonely man.

She, too, seemed to feel more at home and contented with her position, as she saw how much more cheerful and more like himself Mr. Lawrence was becoming, and he, quick to note every change in her, was beginning to feel very hopeful as to the final result of her deliberation, when his hopes were suddenly dashed to the earth and his soul shocked to its very center by a terrible and unforeseen calamity.

Violet was very fond of flowers, and liked to have them constantly in the house. Mr. Lawrence had given her permission to purchase more freely, and so there was always a spot of bright color and a breath of fragrance in the various rooms to greet him when he returned to his dinner.

She usually sent the coachman for them, unless she or Mr. Lawrence purchased them while they were out driving; but one day she forgot to give her order at the usual time, and when she did remember it, the man had been sent upon some other errand.

It was late in the afternoon, and the day had been very damp and cloudy, but Violet could not bear the thought of having Mr. Lawrence come home to dinner and miss the customary vase of fresh flowers from his table.

"I will run out and get them myself," she remarked to the housekeeper. "I have had no exercise today, and it is not far to the florist's."

Mrs. Davis remarked that she had better wait for John—he might be back in season—or send one of the other servants.

"I know Mr. Lawrence would much prefer to miss the flowers than to have you go out in the wet and cold for them," she said, in conclusion.

But Violet insisted that she would like the walk, and said she would not be long. So, robing herself in a long, warm ulster, and donning her sealskin cap—Mr. Lawrence's Christmas gift to her—she tripped away to Johnson's, only a few blocks distant, to get the coveted flowers.

The walk did her good; the air was raw and cold, it is true, but her blood was young and warm, and her cheeks glowed, her eyes were brilliant from her exercise when she reached the florist's.

There were several customers ahead of her, and she had to wait some time before her order could be attended to.

At last, however, her selections were made, and she hastened away.

She was surprised to find how dark it had grown as she came out upon the street, where a fine, cold rain that was almost sleet was falling; but the young girl hurried, only eager to get home and have her flowers arranged before Mr. Lawrence's return.

She did not mind the rain very much, for she was well and strong, but there seemed to be a heavy fog with it, and her heart beat faster than usual with a sense of fear at being out alone on such a night.

She had retraced about half the distance when, just as she was about to pass a narrow passage that led between two tall buildings, a strangely familiar voice called out appealingly:

"Violet! Violet, wait a moment. I have something to say to you."

Her heart leaped into her throat, while her face grew white and almost rigid with sudden fear of some impending evil.

But she involuntarily slackened her pace, or, rather, her limbs seemed to fail her all at once, and the next moment she saw looming up before her, out of the darkness and fog, the huge proportions and coarse visage of Wilhelm Mencke.

"What are you in such a tearing hurry for, little sister?" he asked, in a tone which he tried to modulate affectionately, as he turned and began to walk along with her.

"It is late, and I am anxious to hasten home," Violet panted, nervously.

"It is rather late, and a nasty night, too, for a girl like you to be out alone," her companion remarked, as he peered more closely into her face.

"Please do not detain me, Wilhelm, or I shall not get back in time for dinner," she urged, tremulously, as she began to quicken her steps again, and growing more and more frightened in his presence.

"You might let dinner wait a few minutes, it seems to me, for the sake of doing an old friend a good turn," the man said, in a reproachful tone.

Violet's sympathetic heart was always touched by the troubles of others, and even though she both feared and loathed her brother-in-law, in his present condition, she could not turn away from his appeal.

"What can I do for you?" she asked. "Do you want some more money?" and her hand sought the pocket of her ulster and drew forth her purse.

"Well, it's rather humiliating to confess it, little sister," Wilhelm Mencke returned, with a disagreeable laugh, "but I am rather hard up,



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and a little money would help me out amazingly."

Violet thought that the quickest way to get rid of him would be to give him what he wanted, so she stopped and began to unfasten her purse.

"Tut, tut, Violet; don't show your money on the street; some thief may be on the watch," her companion added glancing about him, with an air of suspicion; but he was not on the lookout for thieves, as will soon appear.

"Just let us step around this corner where it is a little more quiet, then you may give me a couple of dollars, if you please."

She followed him without thinking whither he was leading her, her only thought was to give him the money he asked, and escape from his disagreeable companionship as soon as possible; she did not even notice at first that a closed carriage was standing near, its door wide open, while the driver sat upon his box, his reins gathered up as if just ready to start.

Wilhelm Mencke led her close up to it, remarking that she could "see by that coach lantern as the street light was upon the opposite corner, and it wouldn't take but a minute to find what she wanted to give him."

All unsuspecting of any design upon her personally, Violet bent forward to count him out the money, when he suddenly gathered her slight form in his arms, leaped into the carriage, shut the door, and clapping his great, fat hand over her mouth, to prevent her screaming for aid, they were driven rapidly away in the darkness and thickening fog.

Violet struggled and fought desperately to release herself from the vise-like grasp of her captor; but without avail, for she was like a child in his clutch, while every now and then, as they passed a street-light, she caught a glimpse of his face—more bloated and revolting than ever in its close proximity to hers, and saw that it was gleaming with a look of evil triumph.

"I have you at last, Vio!" he chuckled, as he caught her terrified glance. "It has been a long and tedious watch—thought I should never catch you out alone; but I guess I'll get paid for it in the end. Now," he added, as she continued to struggle for liberty, "you may just as well be quiet and peaceable, for you cannot get away. You don't seem to enjoy a fond and brotherly embrace, eh? Well, all you have to do is to promise that you will be mum, and make no effort to attract attention, and I'll let you go. Will you?"

Anything would be better, Violet thought, than to be crushed against his breast in that rough fashion, with the hot fumes of his beer-laden breath beating upon her face, and she nodded her head to signify that she would make no outcry.

"Honor bright?" questioned her captor, cautiously, before letting her go.

She nodded her head again, and he instantly released her; but a smile of triumph lighted his face as he realized that at last he had snared his bird.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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panion is," and what she looks like. I am five feet, one inch tall, weigh one hundred and three pounds, and have dark brown hair, and dark blue eyes, and a fair complexion—not even one teeny, weeny freckle. I will be able to vote by the time next election comes.

If Mrs. Wilkinson will permit me to come again, I will.

Utah's Child, CHERRY.

Cherry.—Since seeing your photograph I can understand why there are Mormans. I don't blame them a bit if all Utah girls are as attractive as you appear to be. You seem to possess brains as well as good looks so come again. —Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS: NEBRASKA.
In a recent COMFORT there appears a letter from a little girl signing herself "Milly," who thinks a few words from C. E. Moore, will be of help to her in working out her life's problem. So, such as they are, they are gladly given and with a prayer that she may find peace, soon. I think it depends entirely upon what was in her heart at the time the promise was made. If she thought overwork caused her mother's illness and if she believed that she would not again be ill if she were to do the bulk of the work; and made the promise with the thought in mind that she would renounce marriage merely that she might assist her mother in the raising of the smaller children; and, those children are now grown up and the mother not in actual need of her help, or that there are now other girls that can take her place helping mother, then I think her promise has been fulfilled and it no longer binds her. If on the other hand she made the promise with the thought of sacrificing herself as a sort of peace offering, without any reservations or limit, then I fear God would be no more pleased to have her break her word, than she would should her lover make her a promise merely to gain her and then after a few years were to say: "Well you are now mine and I no longer need keep my vow." However, she is foolish to let her younger sister snub her. Younger sisters are very prone to do that very thing to a sister that has always given up everything to them and it will be a little hard to break her of it, but it can be done and for her own self-respect and the good of the sister, it must be done. Simply take your own rightful place and what is your share of everything, and do very little explaining or talking about it. God does not want any of us to be unhappy, and neither does He desire us to let others clean their feet on us, even though He did teach us to be humble and take the lowly places. There is such a thing as being too lowly and not only hurting ourselves but those we minister to as well. Why not go to the best hair dresser in town and tell her that you want her to fix your hair in the most becoming style for your face; and then make her try it several ways and after she gets one that suits you, you can dress it yourself that way. It will take a little of your time, and also the folks will probably make a few remarks, but what of it? Some way, to know you look well gives a person confidence in themselves and it will not be long before you will discover that you are as happy as can be and also will find that there are so many things to do in this world that you will not find the time to grow old, and even though you never should feel free to break your vow to God, you need never grow into an "old maid," and should you like to write to me directly you may ask Mrs. Wilkinson for my address.

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The Pest and His Valentine

by Joseph F. Novak

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I NEVER see the store windows blossoming out with valentines and love-tokens but what my thoughts turn to my own romance which culminated on St. Valentine's Night.

I often insist that I proposed to Harvey while he insists that I did not, so the question is still a mooted one.

But to go on:

I never saw the necessity of seeking a husband merely for the sake of getting married, for I was earning more than many men I knew. And so, to discourage possible admirers, I always assumed a more or less suffragette air to warn them away, for I was among the species most of the time, being stenographer and quasi-private secretary for the manager of a commission house.

In spite of this, the men tried to get into my good graces now and then, and started with small gifts and invitations to dinner and to the theater, but I always managed to squelch them with such finality that they never repeated.

But some men will not take "no" for an answer, and when Mr. John Reeves, bachelor, forty-eight, fairly good to look at and wealthy enough to keep an automobile, came around, I found I had met my match.

Had he been about twenty years younger, I might have considered him, for I was already twenty-four myself, but as it was, I didn't want to marry my father—not anyone for that matter.

Mr. Reeves persisted in his attentions despite all my frowns and squelchings. Really such devotion should have been rewarded—but it wasn't.

At first I was amused, and then worried when I couldn't do anything with him, and when he finally did propose, I refused him with a blunt: "I should say not!"

Evidently he was expecting the answer, for he laughed and said that all girls refused, at least once, the men they married, and that he wouldn't take "no" for an answer.

How was I to get rid of him? At last, in desperation, I determined to fib outrageously and tell him I was already engaged.

And I did.

"But you're not wearing a ring," he replied.

"I know it, because my engagement is a secret. He's a soldier and I don't know when he'll come back and even when he does we'll have to wait until he saves enough before we can marry," was my answer. "He isn't rich, you know," and growing quite sentimental over my imaginary soldier, I daintily dabbed my eyes with my handkerchief.

It didn't deceive Mr. Reeves at all, for he sniffed as he retorted:

"Funny. Most of the boys are back. But if he's in the army and you're going to wait until he saves up enough from his soldier's pay, why you might just as well make up your mind to die an old maid."

"Nevertheless, I'll remain true to him," I replied belligerently.

"What does he look like?" continued my tormentor.

What did my imaginary soldier look like?

And then Harvey, St. John came to my mind. I had known him from school-days, and the St. Valentine's Day when he sent me a gorgeous love-token, all gilt paper, lace and celluloid, and built on the sky-scraper plan so that when you straightened out the little tabs, the whole valentine looked much like a wedding cake. I decided that he was mine. And apparently I was his, too, for I give as a testimony, this verse printed on his offertory:

"This valentine comes
From a heart that is true,
Faithful and loving
Forever—to you."

But since those days, we were just friends, and while he was in France doing his bit as a doctor in the medical corps, I had corresponded with Harvey in the frankest, friendliest way, just as if I had been a man who through some inadvertency, had not been able to go to the front.

Why not describe Harvey to my persecutor? "Well," I began, after a little hesitation, "he is tall and has a splendid figure." (I took a naughty satisfaction in this because Mr. Reeves is short and inclined to be fat.) "He has dark hair, cut quite short except on top which he wears in such a fascinating wave." (Mr. Reeves was a trifle bald.) "And when he's in uniform—ah!" I breathed romantically.

Mr. Reeves evidently felt that he suffered by comparison, for he retorted:

"I wouldn't trust a soldier that's handsome enough for the movies. Anyhow, I'm going to cut him out and I'm going to call on you some evening."

"You'd better not," I warned.

"Oh, yes, I shall," he answered, as he left.

I supposed he would. Now what should I do? I had thought that after I told him I was engaged, he'd quit the field. Not he.

I determined I'd be out whenever he called, but that didn't work for he came around every night for a week, which decided me to let him call if it would do any good.

In this exigency, I happened to meet Harvey. Of course, he wasn't in France; he had returned about nine months since and was already practicing.

"Why this sour-pickles expression?" was his greeting.

"I'm in trouble. The fact is, Harvey, I'm pestered to death by an old—yes, I'll say it!—an old fool who thinks he's in love with me. He comes to the office during the day and camps around the house at night. I told him I was engaged to a soldier in the hope of getting rid of him, but it didn't work."

"Why don't you get a soldier to come and pose as your lover then, and bear out your story?"

"I can't because I've described you," I wailed.

"Well, then, the next time that chap calls, call me up on the 'phone. I'll do my uniform and play my part."

"Oh, how splendid of you!" I exclaimed in delight and I caught his hand in mine. Harvey has firm, well-shaped hands and somehow when

I touched them, I suddenly felt a queer little thrill shoot through me. But I thought, then, that it was caused by the prospect of the fun that would ensue when the two men met.

So when Reeves next called, I phoned Harvey and then returning to the parlor I was unusually sweet to my admirer, who probably thought I was weakening, for he got a bit gushy.

The door bell rang after a time and I went to answer it. With a shriek of joy, I pretended to drag Harvey into the parlor without even letting him remove his lieutenant's cap and introduced him with great pride.

"This is my friend, Dr. St. John, Mr. Reeves. He's home on a furlough."

Mr. Reeves said he was pleased, but he wasn't.

Did this rid me of the man? It did not!

Reeves set about more determinedly to win out. He tried all sorts of things. But Harvey was interested in the game I was playing and so he came around often to find out how I was succeeding in nipping Reeves' grand passion now fully flowered, and thus they often met.

This went on for some weeks, when St. Valentine's Day approached. Would Reeves send me a valentine on the day of the Saint of Belles and Beaux? Of course he would! Most probably one of those immense things loaded down with doves and cupids and tassels and things, in a cardboard box as big as a packing case!

Before this I had always let the day slip by like any other, for no one ever sent me a valentine to remind me of the day. But this year, Stella Clayton invited me to a Valentine Dance she was giving in one of the downtown hotels. I told her that I would not attend as I had no escort, but she insisted and the day before the affair, she called me up to remind me of it.

While I was talking with her, Harvey came in. I was simply overwhelmed with surprise, for he never stopped at my place of employment before. When he heard me again refuse Stella, he asked if I really didn't care to go. Otherwise he'd escort me and was sure we'd enjoy it for the sake of *avid lang syne*.

So I agreed to go, my heart beating in a queer, hurried fashion. And somehow after I had accepted, I couldn't quite look Harvey in the eye in the old frank way. And I thought, too, there was a little difference in the way he bade me good by that morning.

When he was gone, my thoughts went to my wardrobe. What should I wear? I had many gowns, but I rejected them all, for no man wants to take a woman to a dance and have her dressed like a suffragette.

I decided that during my noon hour, I would go to a modiste's and get a new gown, a creation, in short, of the flimsy, spirituelle variety, so that Harvey need not be ashamed of me.

My plans, however, were interfered with as usual for my pest came to torment me with an invitation to lunch. I refused it, and when he persisted in following me, I decided to go to the modiste's first, and reaching the place, I told him that I was going to get a new gown—that a modiste's was no place for a man and that he'd better go.

He did—but afterward I learned that he went into the place and inquired what sort of a gown I had purchased. That gave him a clue as to where I was going the following night.

The following day was St. Valentine's, and though I thought of the dance from the moment I awoke, and wondered often how I should impress Harvey with my new clothes, I half forgot that it was the day for the exchange of love-knots.

But about eleven o'clock, as I was banging away on my typewriter, a messenger boy came in and placed before me a big box.

"Some horrible valentine, of course," I groaned as I signed for the package. Then I opened it.

A large, heart-shaped box done in red silk came to my view. Atop the box was an immense bow of red ribbon and in the center of it nestled a cluster of brilliant pansies. The box itself contained about five pounds of the choicest candy.

It was very beautiful, and I didn't need to read the card to tell me that it was from Reeves. I pushed it aside a little petulantly, and shall I confess that I thought what a different reception it would have received had it been from Harvey? For the thought did come to me.

I dismissed it in a hurry, however, for why should I want or expect Harvey to send me a valentine? He called, it was true, and in Reeves' presence pretended to be my lover, but I had dragged him into the affair and he was interested in the game, not in me.

A little feeling of pity, then, for the way I was treating Reeves came to me, and slowly drawing the box toward me, I picked up the card.

But immediately the pity went from my heart for on the back of the card he had written:

"Something is prompting me today,
A few soft words to thee to say,
Oh, may these flowers I send to thee
Make love bloom in thine heart for me."

Mush! From what had he copied it? Most probably from some old-time valentine.

There were a few more words scribbled, and I now noted these: "I'll see you at Miss Clayton's party tonight."

The day passed and I went home and dressed for the dance. I think I looked well, and I wondered if Harvey would be pleased. Somehow I felt just a little afraid of him now.

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"My valentine," he said, bowing low and offering the roses to me.

"Thank you. I received one this morning also," I returned significantly. "I seem to be rather popular for a suffragette."

Harvey smiled knowingly, then said with characteristic brusqueness: "Let's go."

We did, reaching the hotel just when the dance was at its height.

The place was appropriately decorated. Festoons of hearts were looped across the room, the ends of the festoons being fastened to the hands of plaster-of-Paris Cupids. In one corner was an elaborate booth in which love-tokens and valentines could be purchased, and nearby was a large be-ribboned box to hold the valentines sent that evening.

As Harvey and I entered the room, music sounded. He swung me into the bow of his arm and we danced as easily as if it were not the first time since high-school days that we had danced together.

The dance over, we sat down. I was delighted. But it didn't last long for suddenly I heard my pest's suave:

"How d'ye do?"

He sat down beside me, whereupon Harvey, with a peculiar look, said:

"There are quite a few people here I haven't seen in years. Will you excuse me? How long will you take care of Miss Marsh for me, Mr. Reeves?"

"For the rest of the evening, if you wish," he replied.

"Aren't you a bit selfish?" Harvey remarked, and again that peculiar look came into his eyes as he walked away.

"How did you know I was to attend this dance?" I demanded of Mr. Reeves when we were alone.

"I bribed 'Inky' to tell me where you were going. He heard you talking to Miss Clayton and learned the details which he gave me for a consideration. Bright office boy, is Inky. He'll be head of the house some day."

"The little wretch!" I exclaimed.

"I wouldn't call him that," Reeves returned. "With this information," he continued, "I came down, told the people here I hadn't a card of admission but that I was a friend of yours—and it was all right."

So he had used my name as an "open Sesame!"

"I've found out something else, too," he went on.

"Dr. St. John has been home from France for over nine months and has been practicing ever since. You're not engaged to him but have been merely using him as a buffer. When I saw him that first time, I thought for a while that what you told me was true, though he didn't act like a lover. Listen, Miss Marsh. You certainly cannot question that I love you—"

"No," I murmured, interrupting, "especially when you sent the valentine you did."

That, however, passed over his head. I had reference to the sentimental verse. He thought I meant the candy.

"Now, if you'll marry me, I'll do my best to make you happy and you can have anything within reason that you wish. If you really loved that chap, I'd quit, but you don't and he surely doesn't love you, for look how he's chattering with those young kids," and Reeves waved toward Harvey, who was amusing a half-dozen girls of the very younger type.

I pondered. Harvey didn't love me. But in that moment, I admitted to myself something I would not admit before. I loved Harvey. Since he didn't care for me, though, and was only

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A Simple Edging

A close-up photograph of a square lace doily. The doily features a central circular motif with a small, dark, circular center. Radiating from this center are concentric rings of intricate lace patterns, including a wide band of small, dark, diamond-shaped holes. The outer edge of the doily is scalloped. The lace is a light cream color, and the background is a solid, light beige.

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 22nd row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 5 sps, 4 d c, 11 sps, 4 d c, 13 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 13 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 13 sps, 4

The image shows a close-up of a book cover. The cover material is dark, possibly black or dark brown, with a fine, pebbled texture. Overlaid on this texture is a repeating pattern of small, light-colored (possibly white or light grey) dots or perforations. These dots are arranged in a regular grid, with some rows appearing slightly more prominent than others. The lighting is somewhat uneven, with a brighter area towards the top left and darker areas towards the bottom and right, highlighting the texture and the pattern. The overall appearance is that of a classic, possibly leather-bound book cover with a decorative perforated design.

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Narrow Edge Lace

NARROW EDGE LACE

Star Dolly

STAR DOILY.

21 st row.—Ch 6, 9 d tr in top of star, ch 6, fasten in top of shell with a c, ch 6, 9 d tr, under ch 1, between the 2 d c, ch 6, fasten in top of pineapple, ch 6 and repeat around.



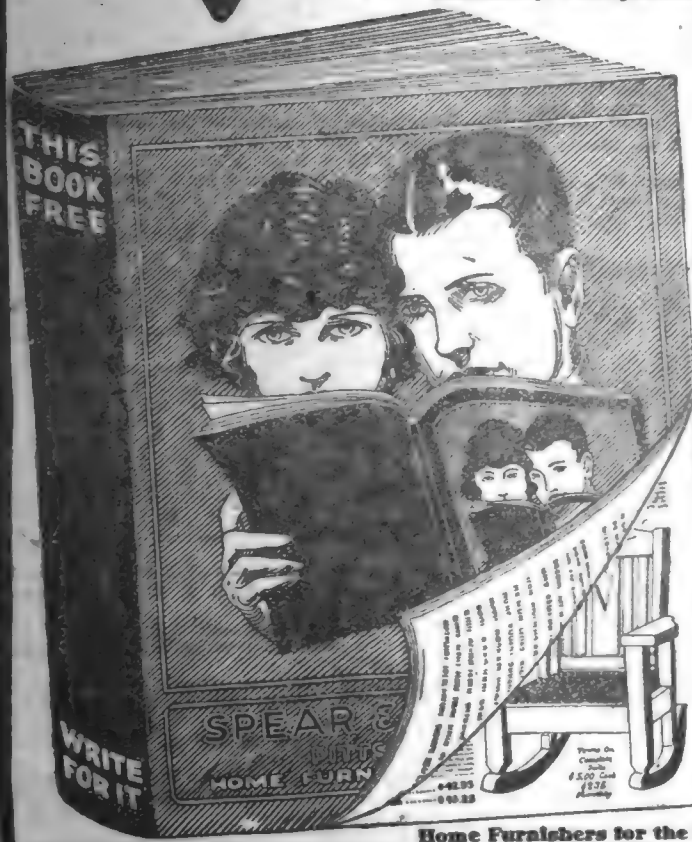
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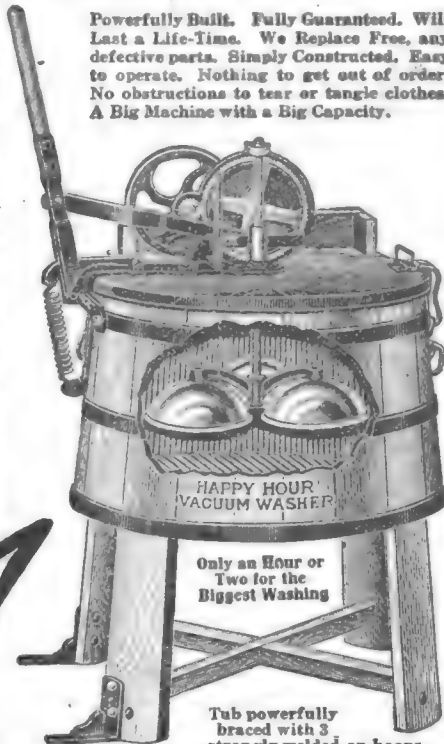
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The Pest and His Valentine

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playing his part in my game with Reeves, why not end the comedy at once? Perhaps if I gave serious thought to Reeves—but to think that way made me shudder.

"I can't do it, Mr. Reeves," I said wearily. "I thank you but the prospect of my work at the commission house is far more attractive than being your wife," and catching myself half-way in my sentence, as too truly expressing my honest feeling in the matter, I tried to laugh it off.

"That so?" he queried. "Thanks, I didn't think you'd insult me."

"I'm truly sorry," I replied, for I really was, "but you simply would never believe I meant 'no' when I said 'no' and I had to resort to subterfuge."

Just then Harvey joined us, and the orchestra started to play.

"Shall we dance?" Harvey asked. I simply bowed, for I couldn't look him in the face now, and having admitted to myself that I loved him, the fascination of his uniform set me completely at his mercy.

As we whirled away, I said:

"You need not pay any further attention to me, Harvey. Mr. Reeves has discovered my trick. So enjoy yourself with anyone you please. I appreciate your having helped me in my hoax, but it didn't work. I guess I'm doomed to accept him."

"Why?" Harvey demanded.

"Why? Simply because he's so 'gone on me' and I am at the end of my resources for discouraging him."

"I know one plan you haven't tried yet," he said, and he gently danced me into an ante-room, where we stopped. There was something tender and thrilling in his voice that seemed to respond to something within me.

But I tried to be merry though my heart was heavy.

"What? Suicide?"

"Oh, not quite as bad as that," he said. "But you might marry me to escape him."

"Marry you! Oh, Harvey! Why, I've always thought of you—well, to be trite, as a brother."

"Always?" he queried, very low.

"Well—well—" I began, but I simply couldn't go on.

Harvey helped me out.

"Have you discovered what I have? Have you found out that while we played at being lovers, fiction became fact, and that you love me even as I now love you? Could you be something nearer and dearer to me, Lorraine? May I offer myself as a valentine since today is the day of the saint of belles and beaux?"

"You're—you're rather an unexpected one, Harvey," I said, hardly knowing whether I should cry or not for I felt so queer and quivery, and happy.

"But none the less welcome, I hope," Harvey said.

I looked at him, and I'm afraid that I told him then that he had won.

"If I hadn't inveigled you into my game with Mr. Reeves, Harvey—" I began.

"I shudder to think what I would have missed," he interrupted.

Just then Reeves appeared in the doorway.

"They're cleaning up the valentine booth and love-tokens are going at any figure. I suppose, Dr. St. John, you'd object strenuously if I were to send your affianced a valentine?" and he tapped the bunch in his hand.

"I most certainly should," Harvey replied. "But save yourself the trouble, for we shall not wait until the valentine box is opened. Get your wraps, Lorraine, and I'll meet you in the corridor. But before you go—" he took me in his arms and kissed me with his first lover's kiss.

Then I walked away leaving Reeves speechless for a moment.

"Ye gods!" he exclaimed at length (so Harvey told me), "were you two sincere all the while?"

"Of course," Harvey answered loftily.

"Well, if such is the case, I must appear in the light of a comic valentine. I hoped to claim Miss Marsh tonight, and even a while back when she sat on my right, I hadn't given up hope. But now when you yourself confirm it—Oh, good night!" he finished disgustedly, and marched off.

Harvey and I slipped away. A short time after, we were married, and you may judge for yourself as to which one of us did the proposing. Harvey with his formal proposal, or I by accepting his offer to pose as the man to whom I was engaged.

Mr. Reeves wasn't such a bad sort, after all, for he remembered us with a handsome wedding present, and now and then he calls. He had gotten over his penchant for me, and is now so agreeable and friendly that Harvey and I, when we speak of him, in private and meaning no unkindness, call him our comic valentine.

Comfort Sisters' Corner

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dress and I will be very pleased to correspond with you. Now, then, I must say a word to the sister signing herself, "Mrs. C. A. M." She reiterates that old saying: "That after all, men are only babies." Since the first day I was able to pick up a woman's paper I have read those same words or to that effect. I am willing to admit that, it is all too sadly true. But, oh! wouldn't it be a "Grand and Glorious Feeling" to be able to feel that once in a while that it was not so? That there actually were a few men tucked around in corners somewhere who said, along with Saint Paul: "When I was a child I thought as a child, spoke as a child," etc.—"but now I am a man and I will put away childish ways."

And to "A Lover of Comfort," I want to say: That there can be such a thing as being too literally truthful. Do not, dear young mother, take all the beautiful mystery and romance out of the lives of your little ones. The sordid realities of life will come to them soon enough. The belief in Santa Claus and the beautiful practice of hunting the rabbit's nest for colored eggs at Easter time will do your children no harm. Have you forgotten that our own dear Lord taught his children to love the beautiful by telling them fables and teaching them with parables?

To the sister who is unable to procure the white iodine, although I am not much of a chemist, I think if she puts a little ammonia in the brown, it will bleach it. The druggist can make it for her by using ammonia to dissolve the crystal instead of using the alcohol as is usually done. Some time back I saw a request for the poem, "The Convict Ship," and as there does not seem to have been any response, I am sending it, hoping it may be used when there is space.

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old when this was taken and he was six months old. We have now another little girl and call her Lella Frances.

I like the Sisters' Corner better all the time and am especially interested in the letters concerning children as mine are willful and hard to manage. Sisters, how do you manage a child that fights back when punished?

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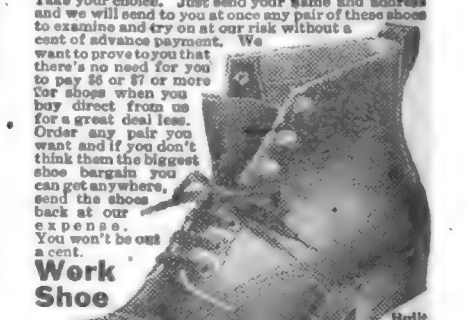
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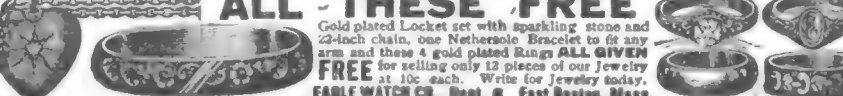
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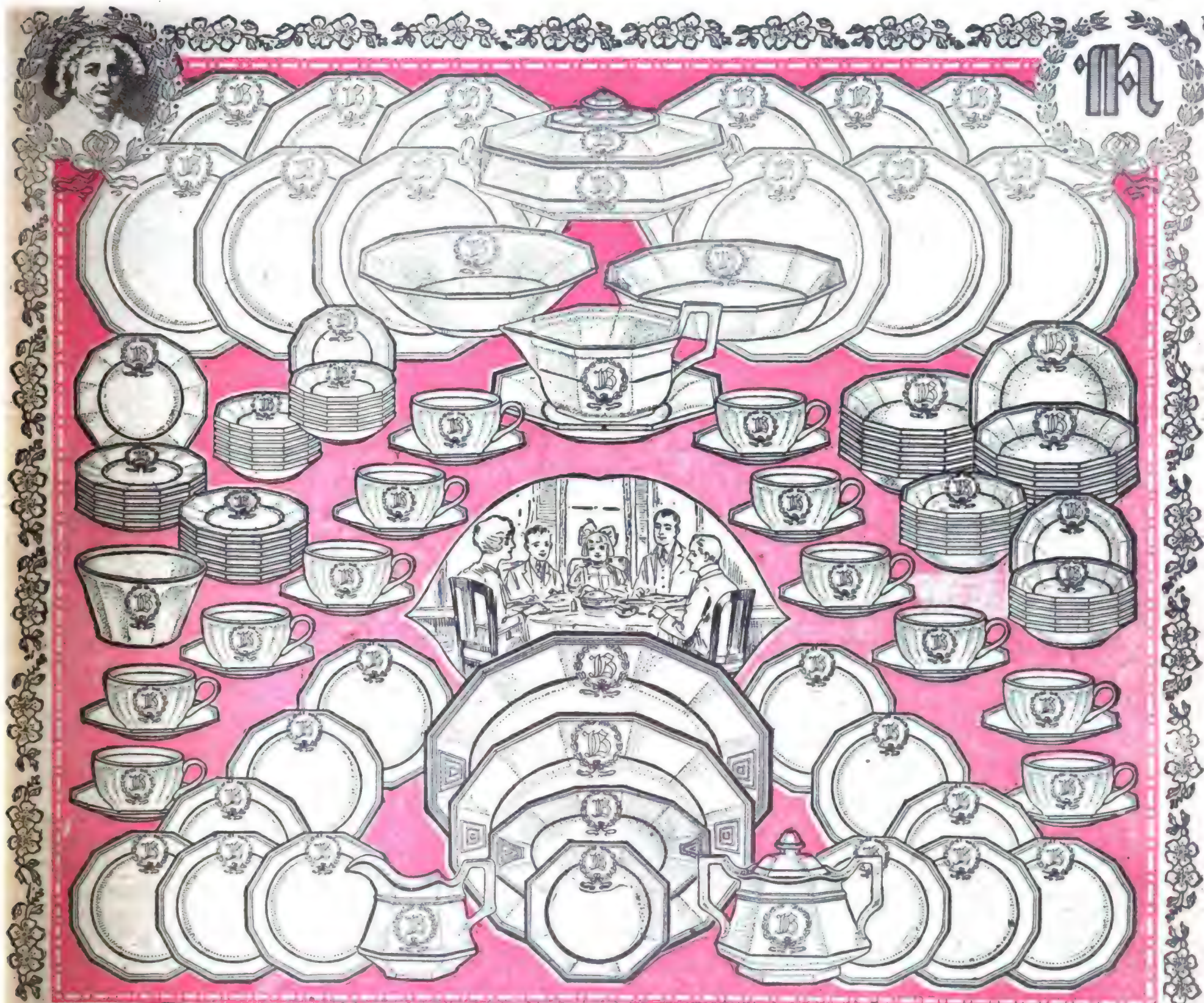
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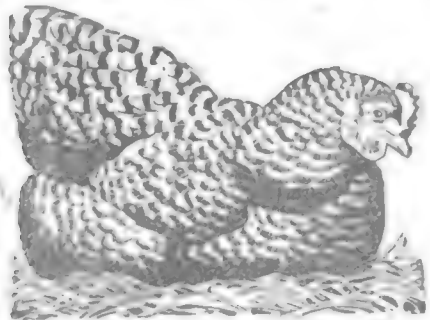
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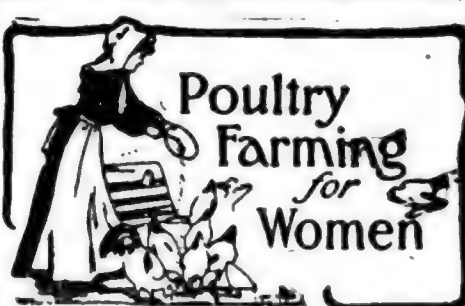
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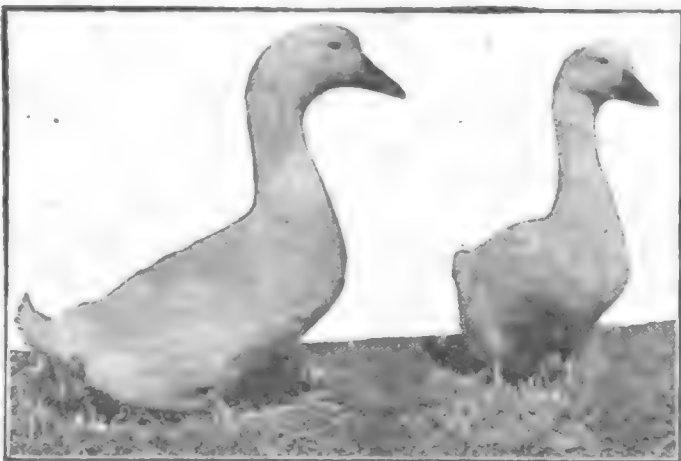
DUCKS and guinea fowl are very profitable stock on a farm, or where they can have plenty of range, for guinea fowl will find the larger part of their own feed. Even when the eggs are hatched under hens, the hen can be released at the end of four weeks, and the youngsters will come up at night with full crops; and until marketed in the fall they need have nothing but a little cracked corn at night, just to bring them home regularly and keep them tame.

The guinea fowl need no special house, all that is necessary for their comfort being a roost high up in a shed. If left to themselves they take to the trees, and in all probability will get frozen if the winter should be severe, so the safest plan with new birds is to cover the front of the shed with two-inch wire netting, just tacking it up lightly, so that it can be easily removed at the end of two or three weeks, when they are accustomed to their new quarters.

While they are prisoners, feed two or three times a day; about half a pint of mixed wheat and cracked corn night and morning, and at noon about half the quantity of grain, with a little chopped meat or ground bone alternating with vegetables. All this food should be cut quite small, or the guineas will not eat it. Like other birds, they must have a constant supply of sharp grit and fresh water.

As a market commodity, they have been growing in favor for the last five years, since, like squabs, they take the place of game during the closed season.

Guinea fowls commence laying when the first warm days come in April. As it is their natural instinct to be very secretive about laying, some patience and diplomacy are necessary to locate their nests. The usual spot selected is a hollow in the ground, by the root of a tree or a fence-post well screened by brush. Don't attempt to



PEKIN DUCKS.

approach it while they are in sight. Go away, and return later armed with a long-handled spoon. The eggs are almost the color of the earth and often covered with fallen leaves, so it needs a sharp eye to detect them. Be very careful not to touch the nest with your hand. Guineas seem able to scent the human hand about the nest; they can also count up to three. For that reason, leave that number of eggs in the nest, removing the others with the spoon to insure there being no telltale clue left to arouse Mrs. Guinea's suspicion.

When you have stolen fifteen eggs, get a box a foot square, turn it on the side, and across the bottom of the open front nail a slat, behind which place a nest of soft hay. Stand this nest box inside (at one end) of another box, two and a half feet long, with sides a foot or more deep. Make a cover of wire netting for the large box, to open like a lid. Scatter sand on the floor, nail up a small drinking pan in one corner, and you have a safe, rat-proof coop for Biddy and the eggs. Another motive for the outer box is that baby guineas are so very little, so wild, and so easily frightened, that they are apt to quit the nest as soon as hatched, get lost, become chilled, and die.

It takes from twenty-five to twenty-six days to incubate guinea eggs. The brood coop to be used the first two weeks should be on the same principle as the nest boxes, and even when they are on the grass run, you must exercise the greatest caution to avoid anything like cracks or crevices in or around the side, for they are such mites, and have such capacity for crawling through the eyes of needles, that special care is necessary. If some knothole or some depression in the ground has escaped your notice, and a baby does go off, go about two yards away and remain perfectly still. Don't be impatient. It may be ten minutes before you hear anything. Then, unless all hope is over, you will hear a plaintive little cry. Do not move until it has been repeated three or four times, and you are quite sure where it comes from. Then make a sudden dive and secure the truant, which is usually under a tuft of grass or in some little hole. If you move about while hunting for him, there won't be a sound, and you may search all day with little success.

Bill of Fare for Baby Guineas

Give nothing for the first twenty-four hours, then the daily bill of fare should be as follows: First feed, 7 A. M.—Crushed hempseed, half a cup; stale bread-crumbs, half a cup; moisten with raw eggs.

Second feed, 9 A. M.—Millet seed.
Third feed, 11:30 A. M.—Chopped onion tops, half a cup of cornmeal that has been steamed as for chicks, half a teaspoonful of crushed mustard, mixed and fed crumbly.

Fourth feed, 2 P. M.—Pinhead oats, crushed a little finer than when it is bought.

Fifth feed, 5 P. M.—Liver that has been half boiled, cracked wheat and corn, equal parts. These bills of fare can be varied with pot cheese, custard, chopped lettuce or apple, bread-crumbs moistened with milk, hard-boiled eggs; but every day they must have meat (more than chicks need) and pepper or mustard seed crushed and fed in soft wood. Keep a small pan of powdered charcoal and sand in the sun, and, of course, water in a drinking fountain that will only allow the beak to get wet.

Ducks

The most important factor in making a success of duck raising is to provide them with dry, comfortable quarters, but a splendid house for twenty ducks can be made on any farm for a dollar, or even less. One man who keeps large flocks makes duck houses with hurdles of green boughs for walls and roof, the outside padded with leaves, straw, corn-stalks or cedar boughs. Each house is six feet by four feet, and two and one half feet high, and accommodates seven ducks and a drake.

Dry goods boxes, costing twenty-five cents at any village store, can be made comfortable for a small flock. The main point is to keep them dry, which depends almost more on the care given to the covering of the floor than to the wall of the house. Good dry bedding, changed at least twice a week, will keep them warm and happy through the coldest weather.

Ducks' eggs bring good prices during February and March. You can easily get them to laying by then, as it depends principally on feeding. Ducks, like geese or cattle, must have a good percentage of bulk material and green stuff, as well as concentrated grain feed. Clover hay, or even mixed hay, chopped and steamed, about half a pailful with a pint of coarsely ground corn meal and the same of bran mixed through it, is about right. If hay is short, chop corn-stalks small, and steam. Chopped vegetables of all kinds are good, but pumpkins, potatoes and beets are fattening; so, unless the weather is very cold, omit the corn when they are fed, using more bran or screenings in its place.

Ducks are such bad mothers that it is better to hatch their eggs under hens or in incubators. The first few eggs a duck lays in each season are seldom fertile. Eleven are a full setting, and it requires twenty-eight days for their hatching. Examine the nest for two or three days after setting the hen, for bad eggs. A weak germ that dies causes the egg to decompose, and the odor once-smelled can never be forgotten.

Examine the nest when the hen comes off to feed, and take away the eggs that are dark and mottled. If you fancy an egg looks wrong, pick it up and smell it; that and its sticky touch should assure you, for the egg is porous. If you have been using an incubator to hatch chicks, you can test with a proper tester, and this must be done all the time from the fourth to the fifteenth day.

When the hatch is over at the end of the twenty-eighth day, have ready a box about a foot deep and three feet long, the top cut out and one end taken off. Place the open end against the coop door, so making a little run, with a board floor covered with an inch of sand or dry earth. Baby ducks need even more protection from damp than chicks; therefore, if the weather is bad, keep the coop and run under cover, and, if fine the shade of a tree is necessary, for the little fellows can't stand the full sun. After a week the hen can be removed, but keep them within bounds, on short grass, not letting them out until the dew is gone.

For twenty-four hours feed nothing. First week: Half a pint of rolled oats, some cracker or stale bread-crumbs, two hard-boiled eggs, chopped fine, half a cupful of coarse sand just moistened with milk. Feed four times a day just what they will eat in ten minutes.

Second and third weeks: Half a pound of ground oats, the same of wheat bran, one fourth of a pint of cornmeal, the same of coarse sand, two table-spoonfuls of beef meal, a pint of finely cut green clover, rye or cabbage moistened with scalded milk. They must be fed four times a day.

Fourth to sixth week: Boil a quart of hulled oats for an hour, add a pint of cornmeal, wheat bran, half a pint of grit, the same of beef scraps, and a quart of green clover or any kind of green food. Feed four times a day.

Sixth to tenth week: One quart of cornmeal, a pint of wheat bran, a pint of boiled oats, a pint of beef scraps, half a pint of grit, a table-spoonful of charcoal and a pint of clover. Feed three times a day. They should be ready to kill the eleventh week.

Do not let the ducks, young or old, get frightened if you can possibly help it. They are nervous things. No matter what you feed, if they are frightened or made to run daily, they will not fatten. If you go about them gently, they are the easiest things to drive any distance, for where one goes, the rest follow; hurry them, and they will scatter, and it is good by to them for hours.

The feed for those to be kept for stock is the same up to three weeks old, but from that on one quart of ground feed, one quart of bran, half a pint of grit and half a pint of beef scraps. Mix moist with milk, water, sour milk or buttermilk, and feed night and morning. If on free range, this is all they want. If not, you must add clover or vegetables, and feed three times a day. Remember always to have fresh, clean water before them.

When ducks are ten or eleven weeks old they should be in condition for market. Early green ducks should not weigh more than four and one half pounds, while later ducks cannot be too heavy. As a rule, early ducks mature very

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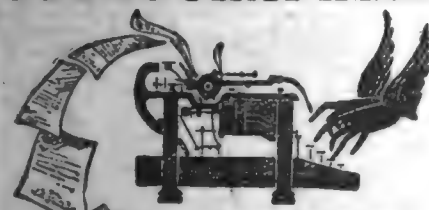
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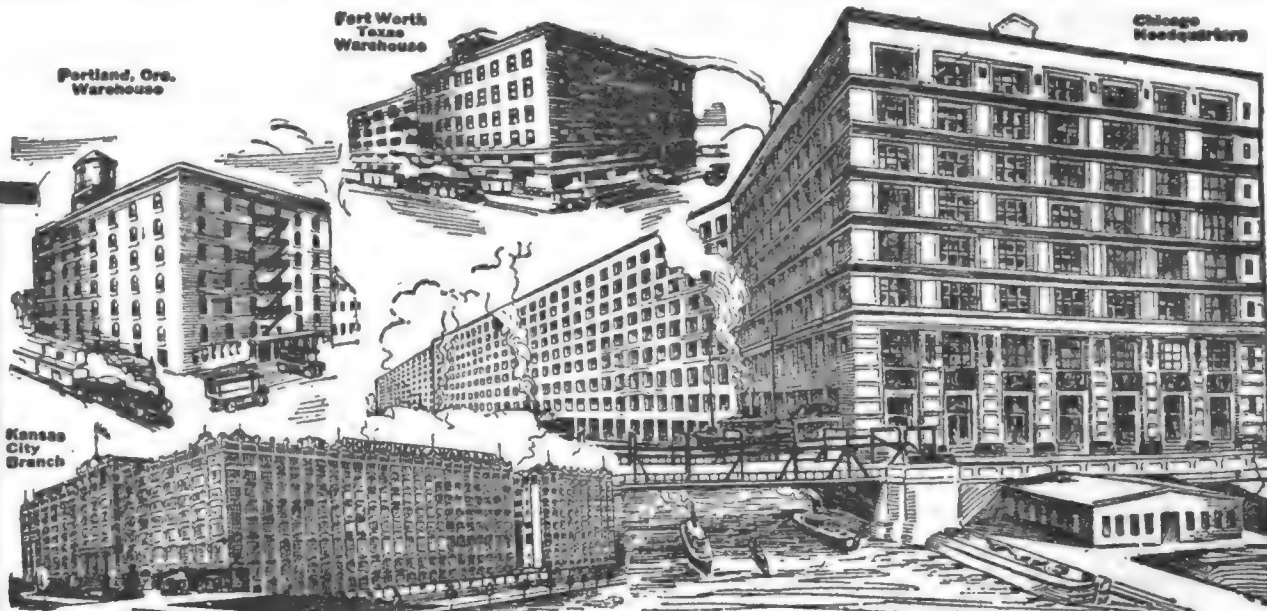
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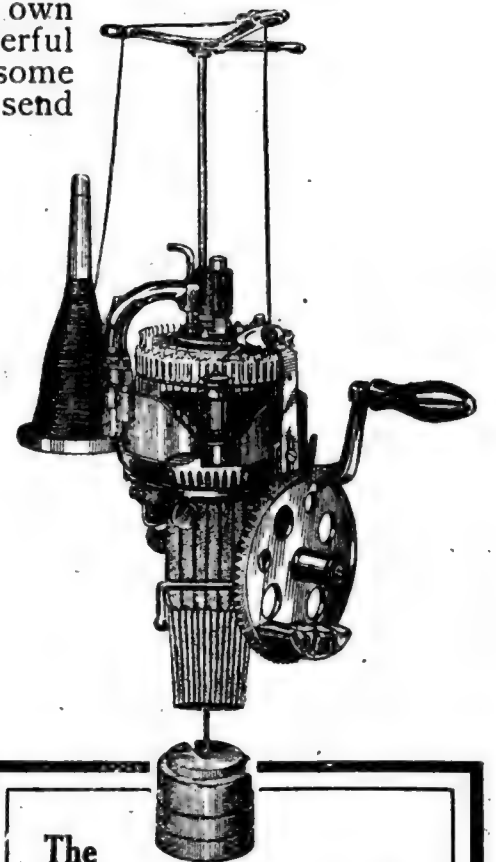
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D d c, 1 sp, 16 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 10 sps, 7 d c, 3 sps, border.

49th row.—2 sps, 4 d c (1 sp, 4 d c), repeat 3 times (5 sps, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 4 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 16 d c, 2 sps, 22 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 4 sps, border.

50th row.—(2 sps, 4 d c), repeat 3 times (5 sps, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 4 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 49 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 19 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 4 sps, border.

51st row.—2 sps, 4 d c (1 sp, 4 d c), repeat 3 times, 3 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 7 d c, 4 sps, 16 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 16 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 4 sps, 7 d c, border.

52nd row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 5 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 10 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 5 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 16 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 4 sps, 7 d c, 5 sps, border.

53rd row.—2 sps, 22 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 28 d c, 8 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 6 sps, 22 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 2 sps, 28 d c, border.

54th row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 5 sps, 4 d c (2 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c), repeat 4 times, 6 sps, 7 d c, 5 sps, 22 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 4 sps, 7 d c, 5 sps, 7 d c, 6 sps, border.

55th row.—2 sps, 4 d c, repeat 3 times (5 sps, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 6 sps, 7 d c, 4 sps, 10 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c (1 sp, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 2 sps, 10 d c, 1 sp, 10 d c, 5 sps, 7 d c, 6 sps, border.

56th row.—(2 sps, 4 d c), repeat 3 times (5 sps, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 7 sps, 7 d c, 5 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 2 sps, 10 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 3 sps, 7 d c, 7 sps, border.

57th row.—2 sps, 4 d c (1 sp, 4 d c), repeat 3 times, 4 sps, 10 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 8 sps, 7 d c, 6 sps, 10 d c (1 sp, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 12 sps, 7 d c, 8 sps, border.

58th row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 5 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 10 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 8 sps, 7 d c, 10 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 3 sps, 7 d c, 5 sps, 7 d c, 9 sps, border.

59th row.—2 sps, 4 d c (1 sp, 4 d c), repeat 3 times, 4 sps, 10 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 10 sps, 10 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 5 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 7 sps, 10 d c, 3 sps, border.

60th row.—(2 sps, 4 d c), repeat 3 times, 4 sps, 10 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 15 sps, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 4 sps, border.

61st row.—2 sps, 4 d c (1 sp, 4 d c), repeat 3 times (5 sps, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 3 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 16 d c, 9 sps, 16 d c (4 sps, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 3 sps, border.

62nd row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 5 sps, 4 d c, 11 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 7 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, border.

63rd row.—2 sps, 4 d c (1 sp, 4 d c), repeat 3 times, 11 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c (2 sps, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 4 sps, 28 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, border.

64th row.—(2 sps, 4 d c), repeat 3 times, 11 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 10 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 1 sps, 7 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 7 d c (2 sps, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 3 sps, 10 d c, 4 sps, border.

65th row.—2 sps, 4 d c (1 sp, 4 d c), repeat 3 times, 11 sps, 4 d c, 11 sps, 16 d c, 5 sps, 10 d c, 5 sps, 16 d c, 11 sps, border.

66th row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 5 sps, 4 d c, 11 sps, 4 d c, 13 sps, 4 d c, 6 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 6 sps, 4 d c, 13 sps, border.

67th row.—2 sps, 100 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 100 d c, 2 sps, turn.

68th row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 17 sps, 4 d c, 13 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 13 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 13 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, turn.

69th row.—2 sps, 4 d c (1 sp, 7 d c), repeat 2 times, 5 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 13 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 7 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 13 sps, work from * back to beginning of row.

70th row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 19 d c, 3 sps, 19 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 13 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 4 sps, 4 d c, 4 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, work back from *.

71st row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 19 d c, 1 sp, 19 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 13 sps, 4 d c (2 sps, 7 d c), repeat 2 times, 1 sp, 7 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, 13 sps, work back from *.

72nd row.—2 sps, 4 d c (1 sp, 10 d c), repeat 4 times, 1 sp, 4 d c, * 13 sps, 4 d c (2 sps, 7 d c), repeat 2 times, 1 sp, 7 d c, 2 sps, 7 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, work back from *.

73rd row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c (1 sp, 7 d c), repeat 2 times, 1 sp, 13 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, * 13 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 7 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 7 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, work back from *.

74th row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, 13 d c (1 sp, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, 1 sp, 13 d c, 2 sps, 4 d c, * 13 sps, 4 d c, 6 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 6 sps, 4 d c, work back from *.

75th row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, * 13 sps, 4 d c, 6 sps, 7 d c, 1 sp, 7 d c, 6 sps, 4 d c, work back from *.

76th row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 7 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 7 sps, 4 d c, * 13 sps, 4 d c (8 sps, 4 d c), repeat 2 times, work back from *.

77th row.—2 sps, 4 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 13 sps, 4 d c, 17 sps, 4 d c, 13 sps, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 13 d c, 1 sp, 4 d c, 1 sp, 13 d c, 3 sps, 4 d c, 2 sps, turn.

78th row.—Same as 10th row.

79th row.—Same as 8th row.

80th row.—Same as 8th row.

81st row.—Same as 7th row.

82nd row.—Same as 6th row.

83rd row.—Same as 5th row.

84th row.—Same as 4th row.

85th row.—Same as 3rd row.

86th row.—Same as 2nd row.

87th row.—Same as 1st row.



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M. S., Eden Valley, Minn.—It should be easy for you to drop some hint to your Sunday caller that you would like him better if he wore his best clothes on the best day of the week. (2) You may read any book of which your mother approves.

CURLY, Nekoma, N. D.—You say that this young man, when he "takes" you anywhere, always "kisses and fondles" you. If you read this column, you should know that these are privileges you may properly grant only to your fiancé. Certainly you cannot consider yourself engaged to this over-affectionate suitor, for you state that "he goes out with other girls"—and your common sense should tell you, if your self-respect does not, that he doubtless distributes his kisses among these girls, also. Suppose you try restricting his liberties, and if you cannot make him behave properly, you should tell him that you have decided to leave him to the "other girls." For love is a monopoly which must be established on the basis of "protection" and not of "free trade."

BROWN EYES, Liberty, S. C.—Yes, you may allow your fiancé to kiss you. This is a privilege he would rightly expect to have granted him. (2) We cannot answer your second question because you do not mention whether you are to have a church wedding, or if the ceremony is to be performed at the home of your parents. You have our best wishes for your future happiness.

Mrs. J. E. A., Ottumwa, Ia.—If your question refers to the setting of a table, we answer that the knife is placed on the right-hand side of the plate and the fork and any spoons are placed on the left. (2) Yes, a young married woman may enter a cigar store to purchase magazines if she knows that she will receive proper and courteous treatment.

ROSE CHEFAS, McAllisterville, Pa.—Ordinarily no reply is needed when a friend thanks you for some simple favor or courtesy. In certain cases you might say: "It was no trouble," or, "I was very glad to do it." (2) It would be best for you to accept no gifts from this boy friend, except simple ones consisting of books, candy or flowers.

DIMPLES, Nekoma, N. D.—There was no reason for the young man you write about to have become offended because you had made a previous engagement to attend the picnic at which he wished to have been your escort. Why should you think you need "ask his pardon"? If he cares no more for you than to drop his attentions on account of this slight and ordinary incident, you may consider yourself well rid of a grouchy and unenterprising young man. It was your duty, of course, to have kept the engagement you had already made to attend this picnic, and you could, under no circumstances, have been expected to have accepted the second invitation and changed your escort. And you must not use the word "guy" in your conversation or letters.

LITTLE ORPHAN, Enloe, Tex.—You may, if you wish, suggest to a boy friend that he should write to you if you know of each other well. It would be proper to let him write the first letter. (2) It makes absolutely no difference, when a boy and girl who are acquaintances meet, which speaks first.

L. D., Oklahoma City, Okla.—Tell this young man that, because you and he are but friends, you think it best that you should meet without any exchange of kisses.

VIOLET, Grady, N. C.—No: the use of almond meal on the face, in place of soap, will not cause the growth of "superfluous" or any other kind of hair.

BLUE EYES, Pleasanton, Kan.—A man who was your escort at church would not be expected to make your contribution for you. You should have your own purse.

S. K., Blackford, Ky.—If this young man asked you to marry him over a year ago, you are certainly justified in asking him frankly when he means the ceremony to take place. Tell him that it is not fair to you to allow matters to rest as they are now. And as your mother and father are familiar with the situation, why not have them say a few words to this slow suitor who has been coming "14 miles" for so many months, but never arrives at the altar?

E. M. P., Truce, Kan.—You may go to the moving pictures with your boy cousin, if your parents do not object.

JUST A GIRL, Mich.—You would not be expected to remove your gloves at the funeral. (2) It has become almost the universal custom for a lady to remove her hat at the theater, or any like form of entertainment. At any informal gathering of any sort, you may remove your gloves if doing this adds to your comfort or convenience.

G. K., Duster, Tex.—We most certainly agree with your father's objections. It is wrong and absurd for a girl of fifteen, and in the seventh grade, to fancy she can receive serious attentions from a boy, and to consider any offer of marriage from him. Your sensible parent might well add an active strap to his objections. (2) Of course you should not wear a skirt so tight that you cannot step into a carriage.

M. S. and J. H., Humoke, Ark.—At twenty you should not fear commencing to be classed with "old maids." Of course, it is flattering to a girl to receive plenty of proposals, but only one good one is necessary as a stepping-stone to the marriage ceremony. We fancy the difficulty is that you are too popular. You say: "We keep company with lots of boys and have lots of love affairs." Try to be not quite so diffusive with your companionship and affection, and perhaps some young man will then concentrate in obtaining for himself only the accomplishments you have previously freely extended.

H. D., Mountainburg, Ark.—You ask: "What do you think of him?" And we answer that we have a very poor opinion of any man who profits by an opportunity to pass himself off as a single man when his wife is not on the scene to offer contradictory evidence.

BLUE EYES, Brownstown, Ill.—It was very sensible for you to show this card to your mother and to realize that at fourteen your mind and attention should be given to your school books. (2) Tell this boy you do not like him to put his arm around you. If he does not stop at your request, complain to your grandparents.

B. B., Siseton, S. D.—The "first thing you should start eating" at the table, is whatever dish or article is served the first. When in doubt, watch others who are with you. (2) The department "Talks With Girls" may be addressed care of COMFORT.

TRoubles, Nekoma, N. D.—As you do not say you were engaged to this soldier, we cannot consider that he had any right to demand that you received absolutely no other attentions from other young men. This would be a matter resting entirely with you to decide. Tell him this if any conversation occurs between you.

Unless you care particularly for your dissatisfied soldier, there is no reason why you should continue to accept the attentions of your second suitor. But you are young enough yet to have many "troubles" settled—and to profit by the old saying: "It is well to be off with the old love, before you are on with the new."

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VALENTINE greetings to all the girls, and this morning I feel as much of a girl as any of you, and why shouldn't I? This week, in spite of my years, dignity and before-mentioned adipose tissue, I've been skating, coasting and snowshoeing with a nice young man—twelve years of age. And I'm feeling so good natured that I couldn't be coaxed to scold, not even a teeny weeny scold. While I'm so much in accord with the universe, I'll go to work.

GOLDEN LOCKS, Texas.—There is a chance that the girl in another town is just an innocent fabrication on the part of your sweetheart to make others think he is a regular "dilettante among the women," but if she is a real person you should know about her. You might call him by refusing to receive attentions from him on the ground that it would be unfair to her. (2) Don't go to the store where he is employed for a chat with him. His employer pays him to wait on customers and not talk to girls. "If you don't go there, neither he nor the people can say you are 'chasing' him." Some boys get a swelled head so easily.

ELSIE, Mich.—If you aren't thinking to yourself that you are sorry you ever wrote such a silly letter to me, then I am much disappointed in you. And you wrote such a good letter, too. Of course you aren't in love with a fifty-year-old traveling man, now are you? Regular joke, isn't it? Goodness, child, he may have children and grandchildren.

LILLIAN, Pa.—Complete your high school course before training for nursing. In fact, a high school education or its equivalent is required in most hospitals. You are rather small but if you are strong and healthy your size ought not to count against you. It is hard work, though. (2) You are not too old to wear your hair in curls but do it up before presenting yourself to the matron of the hospital.

EVA, S. D.—You should have allowed him an opportunity to explain and apologize. I don't think you have behaved in a very ladylike manner.

MRS. JAMES.—Don't ask me what I think of husbands. If I told you what I thought of some of them you would immediately stop your subscription to COMFORT. There are a number of good ones, though. Your husband should give you money for clothes, but remember he has to pay the rent, grocery bills, all household expenses, etc., and it costs a lot to live nowadays, so you should make your wants as modest as consistent with the climate and public opinion. However, if he is spending money foolishly and not saving any at all, you should demand your share of it, to save or spend as you please.

SMILES, DIMPLES AND CUCKLES, Kans.—The young man in question evidently believes there is safety in numbers and he should be complimented upon his diplomacy in keeping three girl chums guessing. I don't think he likes any of you "best" but likes all just the same, so instead of being three foolish Pandoras (and I think she was very unwise, don't you?) why not be content to let things go on as they are and all remain good friends?

WYSEX, Pa.—I cannot give you any information about the matrimonial club mentioned, having had no experience in that line. Doubtless you could get as good a husband through this particular club as you could through any mail-order-marriage club. Sometimes such marriages result happily but would advise you to go slow.

ANNIE, Virginia.—I agree with your father, in that you should give this unreasonably jealous person up. Your life would be miserable as his wife and you would be much more unhappy than you are now. Isn't it possible for you to go away on a long visit? A change of scene and people often works wonders and you may find that you are not so deeply in love with him as you think you are. Of course, if you find out that you love him and will be unhappy without him, you'll just have to marry him and be unhappy with him.

SCHOOL GIRL, Tenn.—If you have no objection to marrying a widower with three small children, then I am sure it is all right, but think well before you assume so much responsibility. Can you give the children a mother's love?

SUNSHINE, Texas.—You are the only one who can decide which boy you like better but don't turn No. 1 down because his father wasn't the right sort, if the boy himself is all right. And don't favor No. 2 because his parents are so respectable unless he is, too. Some of the cleanest and best fellows I know have the worst kinds of parents, and some of the worst boys I know have the best parents, so there you are. You can't always tell.

TEXAS TWINS.—You weren't responsible for the breaking down of the automobile so can't be blamed for being out so late but I have a few ideas you should not have been out automobileing, unchaperoned, anyway. (2) Half past ten is as late as gentlemen callers should stay, even if your parents don't object if they stay till twelve and you think one-thirty all right. (3) The woman who marries a traveling "salesman" must make up her mind to being left alone, so think it over before deciding. (4) No, of course it isn't any harm to fool a boy and get him to give you a diamond ring and then break the engagement and refuse to return the ring. No harm at all; it's just a little mean and dishonest, but don't let a little thing like that disturb you, fair one.

SWEET SIXTEEN, Maryland.—You are about the right weight for your height, I should say, though it wouldn't hurt if you were a few pounds heavier. Keep right on thinking your angel mother was the best woman on earth and don't ever do anything that you think would displease or hurt her. I have no objection to the young man you mention and if you like him you have my blessing—to be held in store until you are older.

LILL, Conn.—It was good of you to let me know that my advice of four years ago helped. Very glad it did. Don't expect your fiancé to give up smoking entirely but I do think he might cut the number of cigars down a trifle for your sake.

W. A. B., New York.—Give your husband a dose of his own medicine and if he humiliates you in the presence of others, "just to get your goat," and incidentally spring it on him at a time and place where it will do the most good. Or you might refuse to accompany him any place until he gave up such a mean habit. Surely you can devise some way of breaking him of this habit.

UNHAPPY WIFE, Indiana.—It seems to me that you are committing a sin when you continue to live with a man such as you describe. You should have left when you had only one child to care for instead of three—but that's better than four or five.

CLARICE, S. Carolina.—God might understand and forgive you for marrying again but the judge won't be so lenient unless you procure a divorce first. Don't be in such a hurry the second time.

BETSY, N. C.—You don't want a husband who has so little faith in you that he will believe false stories about you. Tell him so.

BEA, Maine.—A divorce would be necessary first. Then the second marriage would be legal.

GRACE, Texas.—Don't show so plainly that you are in love with him—if you are now. Let him do a little guessing. I'm rather inclined to agree with your Dad.

Wasn't I angelic? But beware, next month I may be as cross as the proverbial two sticks, but if I am, remember that it is for your own good, and I love you just the same.

COUSIN MARION.

Fortunes Founded Through Luck

CHARLES R. FLINT.

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IT was a brawl on the docks one day between two peppery Irish teamsters that constituted the piece of luck founding Charles R. Flint's fame and fortune as a financier. Young Flint, then only eighteen, slightly built but athletic, happened along at the psychological moment and nervily stepped between the irate combatants, either one of which, with one hand, could doubtless have flung



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him into the river. But his rapid, resolute action daunted the rough teamsters, and what he said was even more to the point. Result was the two fighters shamefacedly "made up," one of them saying:

"Shure, it's yerself cud talk the birds off the trees, and it's the foine lad ye are, after all!"

Now, a witness of the whole scene was one of the Grace brothers of New York, and it did not take him long to size up the "lad" as being

just the one to fill a vacancy. A young fellow of his quickness, courage and resolution, he decided, would show the same qualities in a position higher up. So, following the young man, he made himself known, and this is how Charley Flint became confidential clerk to Grace Bros.

Flint, pleased with his changed prospects, entered upon his new duties with energy and enthusiasm, soon exceeding the firm's greatest expectations. But when he was twenty-one, the boy audaciously organized a firm of his own, Gilchrist, Flint & Co., ship-chandlers! His father, grandfather and great-grandfather, by the way, had all been shipbuilders, so he was only treading in their footsteps and destined soon to earn the title of "Naval Purveyor to South American Republics," for before long he was fitting out South American navies.

His friends laughed at his "folly." The idea of a lad of his age being so ambitious! However, he laughed back, pushed ahead, one enterprise following rapidly on another, and everything prospered with him.

At twenty-two his old friends, Grace Brothers, made him a partnership proposition, and Flint became a partner in both branches of the house, and himself founded a third branch in Peru, at Callao, where, in addition to attending to his business, he still found time to act as Chilean Consul and Charge-d'Affaires, and, later, as Acting Consul-General for Nicaragua and Costa Rica!

When he returned to the United States, brisk, alert, superabundantly energetic, he was almost twenty-three! And his ambition was greater than it had been. He glimpsed wonderful possibilities in South America, and, in fact, everywhere, for American trade and inventiveness, and, born organizer and executive as he was, he formed one corporation after another in rapid succession, soon becoming known as the "Father of Trusts."

For more than thirty years now he has been organizing, consolidating and managing the Rubber, the Chewing-gum, and innumerable other consolidations or so-called trusts. He has shown himself a shrewd financier, public-spirited and patriotic. At the outbreak of the Spanish War, the task fell to him, via President McKinley, to

"corner" all available "on sale" warships of the smaller European powers and South American, and, needless to say, Flint & Co., Inc., bagged their game.

Mr. Flint's business affairs now cover the world. He owns his pack of hounds, fast yachts and other concomitants of wealth, and fishes and hunts here and abroad.

But he owes the start of his dizzy rapid climb to great wealth and influence to his lucky saunter on the dock when the two Irishmen pitched into each other, and he intervened. This was his first diplomatic job!

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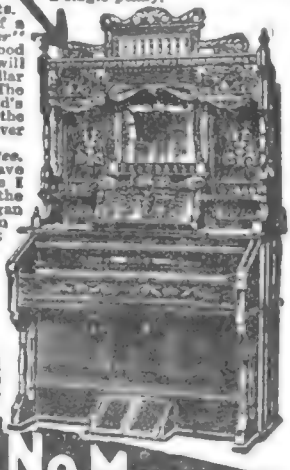
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LICE.—I have a young draft filly two years old last May, that appears to be infected with lice. I have used lard and coal oil with no good results. Would it improve her for me to get on her back and exercise her?
L. D.

A.—Do not ride the filly, but let her occupy a box stall and run out daily for exercise. Clipping would make treatment more effective. In cold weather, liquids cannot well be used to destroy lice, but if you dust the infected parts freely with a mixture of two parts of pyrethrum powder and one part each of powdered tobacco leaves and flowers of sulphur and then blanket the filly, that treatment should help. Repeat it as seems to be necessary. Cleanse, disinfect and white-wash the stable.

SWELLING UNDER JAW.—Please tell me what is the matter with my cow. A swelling started under her jaw about six months ago. It gets larger, instead of going down. It doesn't bother her in eating, and she seems in good condition. I feed her cottonseed hulls, bran and meal.

A.—This may be a case of lump jaw, but tuberculosis also causes swellings about the throat and under the jaw. It would therefore be well to have the cow tested with tuberculin. Meanwhile, clip off the hair and paint the lumps with tincture of iodine every other day.

SORES ON PIG.—I have had a Duroc-Jersey pig, two weeks, that has sores all over body and especially on shoulders and ears. I feed him good slop and a little corn. What is the trouble and remedy?
L. M. L.

A.—Such sores usually are caused by wet and filth in the bed, pen or yard. Do away with such causes. Tub the pig in a warm solution of coal tar dip made according to directions given by the manufacturer and adding enough crude oil to coat the surface. Rub it in with a brush and repeat the treatment when it seems to be necessary. Dust sores with sulphur after the bath.

TUMOR.—I have a horse, seven years old, that has a lump on the lower part of his right collar bone. It came about three weeks ago and was soft, like a pus formation. Bathing it every day, it diminished, but left a long formation about three or four inches long that feels like gristle. He had a trouble of this kind last year and it had to be lanced and treated. It left no scar and is perfectly smooth. I drove him about six miles when two shoes were off and he was tender, but the swelling did not appear for thirty-six hours or more. His shoulders have always been very tender and require a great deal of care when worked.
Mrs. J. E. H.

A.—Bruising from any cause may cause such a condition, but the collar usually is to blame. Pus should have been liberated by lancing. A tumor now has formed and should be dissected out by a competent surgeon, after which treat it as a common wound. If you cannot have this done, clip off the hair and apply tincture of iodine every other day.

BAWLING COW.—I have a milk cow five years old that has always run in a pasture with other cows until two months ago, when I moved to town and moved her also. She bawls about all the time and so loud it disturbs the neighbors, and the longer she stays the more she bawls. She will stop eating and bawl at everything she sees or hears. I give her plenty to eat and she is hearty and gives lots of milk and is a good cow in every way. What can I do to keep her quiet? Is there something I can give her that will destroy her bawling and not hurt her in any other way? I am kind to her and pet her every day. She did not do this way until I moved here.
Mrs. B. B.

A.—Buy a calf and stable it with the cow for company. She is lonesome. We know of no remedy other than company or "back to the farm" for this cow.

SNEEZING CAT.—I have a cat which I raised from a kitten, and appears to be in good condition but sneezes many times each day. One of its eyes was weak for a time, but is better. Please tell me what to do.
M. H.

A.—Let the cat live an outdoor life, so far as possible and find its own living. So treated, it should become hardy and quit sneezing. The animal, no doubt, is soft from pampering.

OBSTRUCTED TEAT.—I have a cow which has lumps in all the teats, about the size of a pea. What is the matter and what can I do to remedy it?
M. B. D.

A.—Warty or fibroid tumors are present in the teats and if they make milking difficult and cannot be removed by operation, the cow should be fitted for the butcher. If possible, have a qualified veterinarian examine the teat to determine if an operation would succeed.

SCOURS.—I have a mare, nine years old, that has bowel trouble. When she is worked she seems healthy, but as soon as she stands idle a few days in the yard or barn her bowels become abnormally loose.
O. K.

A.—Stop feeding grain of any sort when the mare is idle. Strange as it may appear, we have found that the feeding of carrots sometimes proves beneficial in such cases. If medicine proves necessary, mix in feed twice daily a tablespoonful of a mixture of two parts of powdered wood charcoal and one part each of subnitrate of bismuth, powdered catechu and alum.

LICE.—I wish to know what to do for my pupa. They are covered with little white lice and nits. They look something like chicken lice.
Mrs. N. R.

A.—Tub the pupa in a warm bath of coal tar dip or disinfectant made according to directions given by the manufacturer, and repeat when seen to be necessary. Provide a new, clean bed in a dry, sanitary place.

AILING PIG.—I have a bunch of June pigs, weighing about one hundred pounds, and I have fed table scraps, corn meal, corn cobs and shorts. They are all lame in hind legs and have their backs humped up. Their ears get stiff and sharp and if you try to move them they squeal as though you were killing them. What is the trouble and what can I do for them?
J. N. H.

A.—Confinement and improper feeding cause such conditions in swine. They are rare when pigs are raised on green crops, especially alfalfa clover and rape, and are also allowed plenty of milk daily. Improvement may follow if you allow the pigs their

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THIN HORSE.—I have a horse nearly four years old. He appears to be healthy and eats good. His hair is rough and bushy, skin is tight. I cannot get him fat. What can I do to make him look better?
J. W.

A.—Have the horse's teeth put in order by a veterinarian, then mix a quart of blackstrap molasses with three quarts of hot water and stir it among cut hay, corn meal and wheat bran and feed it night and morning. Allow whole oats at noon and long hay at night. More than a quart of molasses may be fed twice daily, if that proves necessary.

THIN MARE.—I have a mare four years old that is thin and will not fatten. She is well fed and hearty. I have noticed that she grinds her teeth quite often. What can I do for her?
H. C.

A.—See answer to J. W.

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G. E. S.

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Mrs. B. H., Missouri.—Under the laws of your state, we do not think your father's second wife will, upon his death, have any interest in the real estate left him for life by your mother.

Mrs. F. J., Missouri.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that your husband can be compelled to support you while living with him, in a manner commensurate with his means and station in life, but he cannot be held responsible for the acts and conduct of his adult children by a former marriage, unless he compels you to live in the same home with them, and their conduct to you is of such a nature as to amount to cruelty.

M. A., North Carolina.—We think you would be very foolish to sell your property and turn your money over to your husband; if, as you state, he does not treat you right now, we fall to understand how your condition would be improved by turning your property over to him.

M. S., Texas.—We think the man who beats his wife subjects himself to a liability of a fine or imprisonment. We think the wife should make her complaint to the local authorities and have him punished for his conduct to her.

Mrs. E. G., Kentucky.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the general guardian of the minor children, who have now become of age, can be compelled to account and turn over the moneys of the estate belonging to these children, in the proper action or proceeding brought for that purpose.

J. K., Nebraska.—We do not think the statute of limitations runs against a deserter from the U. S. army; we think if the desertion took place a long period of years ago, that possibly no effort is now being made to capture and punish the deserter.

Mrs. F. E. W., Florida.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if your husband's life insurance is made payable to his estate, it will upon his death without a will, and after payment of his debts and expenses, go one third to you and the balance in equal shares to his children, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parent's share.

C. F., Pennsylvania.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if your property stands in your name alone, your husband has acquired no interest therein by paying the taxes on same. If he survives you, and you die without a will, he will be entitled to a life estate in your real estate with remainder to your children, and during his lifetime you cannot convey or mortgage same without his joining in the deed or mortgage; if you survive your husband, and he leaves no will, you will be entitled to receive one third of his personal estate, after payment of debts and expenses, the balance going to his child or children, the descendants of any deceased child taking their parent's share.

B. S. C., Texas.—If the land you mention in South

Carolina has been abandoned since 1850, we think you now have little or no chance of recovering the same.

Mrs. R. D., Oklahoma.—We do not think the loss of your marriage certificate will affect the validity of your marriage. (2) Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that if your husband dies, without a will, and without a child or descendant, his estate, after payment of debts and expenses, would go one half to you and the remaining half to his father or mother, or if he leave both father and mother to them in equal shares; we think if you pre-decease your husband, he would be entitled to continue to hold all of his property, no part of the same going to your heirs-at-law or next of kin, as it will be necessary for you to survive him before you will have any vested or perfected interest in his property.

Mrs. A. M., Minnesota.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that in the absence of a will, and after payment of debts and expenses, and subject to the homestead rights of the surviving spouse, estates descend one third to the surviving spouse and the balance in equal shares to the children, the descendants of any deceased child taking the parent's share; we think that the estate of a decedent would include any vested interest belonging to such decedent in another estate.

Mrs. B. M. C., Colorado.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that a married woman may convey real estate without her husband's signature to the deed, unless such property has been registered as a homestead; upon her death, without a will, if she leaves also a child or children, her husband would receive one half of her estate, after payment of debts and expenses, the balance going to her children or their descendants; we think life insurance moneys are payable to the beneficiary, and form no part of a decedent's estate, unless made payable to the estate, by the terms of the policy.

H. F. C., Texas.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that all property acquired by the husband and wife during marriage, by onerous title, is considered the common or community property, and during the marriage may be disposed of by the husband without the consent of the wife, upon the death of either party, without a will, one half of the community property goes to the survivor and the remainder to the child or children of the deceased in equal shares. We think you should be able to establish your community rights in the property acquired during your various marriages. We think the signatures of your children will be necessary to convey their interest in the property of their dead mother.

M. W., Oklahoma.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the signature of the husband is not necessary to the conveyance of the real estate of the wife, unless the property conveyed is homestead property of the wife.

Miss I. C., New Jersey.—Your intestacy rights, in the property bequeathed to yourself and brother, in case of your brother's death, depend upon the wording of

the deed. We think you should have same examined by some competent local attorney.

Mrs. L. K., Illinois.—We do not think you can compel your husband to convey an interest in his real estate to you, unless he voluntarily consents to do so; we think you can compel him to support you, unless you desert him, and in case he predeceases you, you will be entitled to an interest in his estate.

Miss E. F., Michigan.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that the personal estate of the woman who died, without a will, after payment of debts and expenses, would go, one third to the surviving husband, and the balance in equal shares to her children, the minor children's share being paid to their general guardian; we think the husband would be entitled to be appointed administrator of his wife's estate, and also to the appointment as general guardian of his children; we think the general guardian can be compelled to account and pay over the infants' share in the property upon their arriving at full age.

Mrs. B. T., Mississippi.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a man, leaving no will, and leaving no widow, and no child or descendant, his estate, after payment of debts and expenses, would go to his brothers and sisters and their descendants, by right of representation, and to the father and mother, if living, or to the survivor.

J. W., North Carolina.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion, that upon the death of a married man, leaving no will, and leaving no child or descendant, his widow would receive dower of a one-third interest for life in his real estate, and one half of his personal estate, absolutely, after payment of debts and expenses of administration.

Miss E. L., Wisconsin.—If you are over age, we do not think your stepfather has any right to dictate to you in regard to your property, which came to you through your father's estate. If you are under age, your property right should be administered by your general guardian, who would have a legal right to compel your stepfather to turn your property over to you; of course, if your mother is your general guardian, and refuses to compel your stepfather to turn over your property, it may be necessary for you to bring a proceeding to have your mother removed from such guardianship, and to have some other guardian appointed who will compel your property rights to be protected.

A. M. G., Minnesota.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that subject to homestead rights, in the absence of a will, the surviving spouse inherits an undivided one third of all other lands of which decedent at any time during coverture was seized or possessed to the disposition, whether, by will or otherwise, such survivor shall not have consented in writing, except lands devoted by judicial partition proceeding, execution or judicial sale, by assignment for creditors, or by insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings, and subject to judgment liens, and subject in their just proportion to debts not paid from personal

estate, the residue of such lands going in equal shares to the children of the decedent, the descendants of any deceased child taking the parent's share, but if there are no children or descendants, the whole remaining estate, both real and personal, to the surviving spouse.

E. B., Michigan.—Under the laws of your state, we are of the opinion that upon the death of a man, leaving no will and leaving no surviving widow, and no surviving child or descendant, his whole estate, after payment of debts and expenses, would go to his father and mother in equal shares, and if there be but one of the parents living, to the survivor alone.

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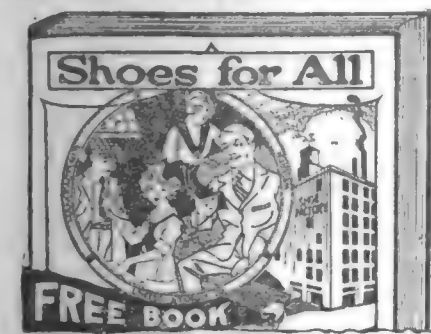
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Mrs. M. R. Alberta, Canada.—Try ovarian extract, in three-grain doses, for the goitre. Take only morning and night, to start with, and watch the result. The moles are best removed by the use of the actual cautery.

Mrs. R. L. R., Marvill, Ark.—Take tablespoonful doses of Basham's mixture, in water, after meals.

Mrs. G. E. A., Lynville, Ky.—There is no rule about marking a baby. No! no! Keep snakeroot, and all such teas, from the baby. A tea of senna is a pretty good cathartic for grown-up people. Green stools are due to intestinal fermentation, and might be removed by the use of teaspoonful doses of milk of magnesia.

Mrs. L. M., Trenton, Miss.—Lumps in the breast are always suspicious; not necessarily malignant; but they should be watched, and, if growing, should be removed at once.

Mrs. R. B. B., Johnson City, Tenn.—No doubt your son needs a change to the mountains, and an out-of-door life for a few months. This will do for him more good than any medicine will do.

Mrs. E. S., Texas.—Do not use carbolic acid to remove warts at all. Go to some good doctor and have them removed by using the actual cautery. This will remove them permanently, and leave no scar. For the headaches, have your eyes examined by a competent oculist, as eye-strain often causes all kinds of headaches.

Mrs. W. E. R., Calham, Ga.—Poor circulation causes the "knots in the arm." Massage the arm, keep your bowels free, and take a tablespoonful of Basham's mixture, after meals, in water. Have the boy's adenoids removed at once.

Mrs. G. R. S., Walkertown, Ind.—A plastic operation, by some good surgeon, is the only thing that will remove the scar, mentioned in your letter. The other remedies referred to are not indicated at all.

Mrs. F. H., Vessie, Mo.—You probably need exercise out-of-door daily, also, a plain diet free from sweets and pastry. You also should keep your bowels free by using some good cathartic, such as compound cathartic pills. Drink water freely, and with your meals use a teaspoonful of American Oil.

Miss S. F. D., Anderson, S. C.—You cannot buy carbon dioxide snow. And you cannot use it even if you could get it. It must be purchased and used by someone accustomed to its use, only.

Mrs. W. H. H., Gulfport, Miss.—Your neuritis is probably of malarial origin. Try tablespoonful doses of compound elixir of cinchona after meals. A fly blister to the liver is also indicated.

Mrs. E. M., Mills Point, Ky.—Leprosy is a contagious skin disease and can be only diagnosed by an examination. It is practically incurable.

Mrs. E. W. S., Maggie, Va.—American Oil can be obtained at any good druggist's. If will, no doubt, do you good. You should take plenty of out-of-door exercise also.

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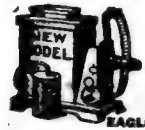
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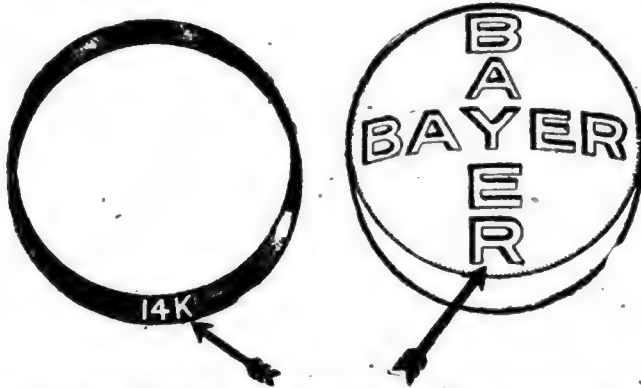
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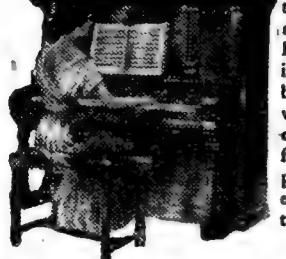
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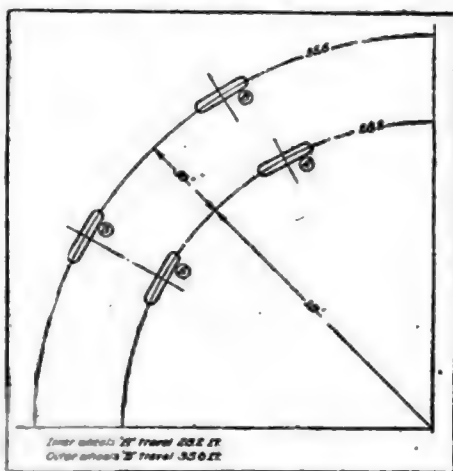
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Rear Axle

SKIPPING such units as the universals, shafts, etc., the next important assembly in order is the rear axle. It is the final unit of the driving system. Encased so that it is not visible from the outside, is an assembly known as the differential. Due to its being enclosed and giving little if any trouble, this most important element is seldom studied by the average motorist. First, we will endeavor to get an understanding as to the reasons for using this assembly, and, later, go into the construction. Take any four-wheel vehicle and turn a corner. Notice the tracks made by the wheels and you will see that the wheels on the outer side complete a larger arc than do the wheels on the inner side. In other words, the wheels on the outer side travel a greater distance than do the wheels on the inner side. Let us now suppose that no differential was used on the automobile and that the rear wheels were rigidly fastened to the same shaft. Such an arrangement would necessitate both wheels traveling at the same rate of speed. As you can readily prove by noticing the tracks made by a vehicle after it has turned a corner,



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the inner wheels must complete a shorter arc than do the outer wheels. Therefore, if no differential was used and the wheels were rigidly fastened to a shaft as outlined above, the only manner in which it would be possible to negotiate the turn would be to have the inner wheel lose traction until the outer wheel had completed the large arc. Some types of vehicles do use the "lost traction" method on the turns. Take, for example, railway coaches and street cars. If you will observe closely, you will notice that opposite wheels are fastened to the same axle and that no differential is used. It must be taken into consideration that these vehicles run on steel rails and that there is metal to metal contact between the wheels and rails. At the turns, the inner wheels revolve at the same rate of speed as do the outer wheels, but, due to the slippery rails, no difficulty is experienced, due to the lost traction for the inner wheels. Several manufacturers are adopting a rear axle without differential for their long wheel-base trucks, and from the reports received no difficulty is being experienced with this arrangement. It is true that the inner rear wheel must lose traction at the turn, but, due to the length of the wheel base the action is not severe. Apply the same condition to the average passenger car mounted on pneumatic tires and it will not require a great deal of thought to appreciate the difficulty which would be encountered or the damage done. The natural tendency would be to start a skid, and, not least in importance, it would not require many turns to completely wear away the rubber tread and ruin the tires. Because of the reasons as above set forth, it has been found necessary to use the compensating arrangement known as the differential. For the average passenger car, the rear wheels are mounted on a driven by separate shafts and the differential in the center. By the use of the latter, both rear wheels are assured traction at the turns as the inner wheel is permitted to revolve at a slower rate of speed while the outer wheel is completing the larger arc.

Battery Test Explained

Almost every motorist owning a car equipped with a storage battery has had the battery tested to determine its exact condition. It will be recalled that some of the liquid was taken out of the different battery cells with a syringe in which was a hydrometer. This test is for the purpose of weighing the solution and comparing it with distilled water. For the sake of obtaining a standard, distilled water is considered to weigh "1". The solution in the battery cells consists of sulphuric acid and distilled water. Inasmuch as sulphuric acid weighs more than water, it will be plain that a mixture of the two will weigh more than clear distilled water. A completely charged battery will show a hydrometer test of about 1.280. In other words, the solution taken from the battery as weighed by the hydrometer shows that it weighs 1.28 times as much as clear distilled water. Let us now consider a different condition. The solution when weighed or measured by the hydrometer shows that it is only 1.17 times as heavy as distilled water. A reading of 1.170 indicates that the battery is discharged. One is apt to wonder why the addition of sulphuric acid to the solution will not bring the mixture up to the required weight and produce a fully charged battery. The answer is that the acid does not evaporate. Bear in mind that the original solution weighed 1.280, and although the test doesn't show it, the original acid is still in the battery. The acid is not in the solution but it is in the battery plates and must be driven back into the solution by charging the battery from an outside source. Unless spilled out, the acid will remain in the battery, and only distilled water should be added in order to keep the battery plates covered with the solution.

Battery Precaution

A normal, fully-charged storage battery will not freeze unless a temperature below 40 degrees below zero be reached. Therefore, it is plain that the best protection against the freezing of the battery is to keep it fully charged. If you do not use your car during the cold weather, it is well to store the battery at a battery shop in your vicinity. However, if such a place is not convenient, first make certain of the con-

dition of your battery. A hydrometer reading of about 1.275 would indicate that the battery is fully charged while a reading of 1.160 or less would indicate almost complete discharge. If you know that the battery is fully charged, you can feel almost certain that the battery will not freeze. It will be well to start the motor at least once a week and allow the generator to charge the battery for a few minutes to compensate for the slow discharge of the battery which continuously occurs.

Anti-Freeze Solutions

Although there are many anti-freeze preparations widely advertised at this season, it is poor practice to accept the claims made for them without first obtaining the opinion of the car manufacturer. Most manufacturers have a chemical laboratory and have already or are willing to analyze the different preparations to determine whether they are satisfactory for the particular make of cars. In the majority of cases, the preparation is used according to directions, will render the cooling system immune to freezing at certain temperatures, but the damage is apt to be done to the radiator or to the motor. Alcohol, either denatured or wood, is safe as an anti-freeze agent, and, to the writer's knowledge, the most satisfactory. This liquid readily mixes with water and has no injurious effects on rubber hose connections, gaskets or metals. However, it does have a low vaporizing point and will, therefore, require replenishing frequently in order to maintain a given specific gravity.

Many inquiries are made each winter concerning the use of kerosene as an anti-freeze agent. Kerosene and water will not mix. You may use half water and half kerosene and yet the cooling system may freeze. When the car is left standing, the two fluids will separate and naturally the water will freeze. Kerosene will not freeze and is sometimes used in the cooling system instead of water. However, it is not to be recommended when alcohol or glycerine are available. Kerosene has a low boiling point and if the car is driven on a mild day overheating is to be expected. Also, kerosene has an injurious effect on rubber and radiators have become clogged due to the breaking away of the material. Another objectionable feature is that the kerosene vapor is inflammable.

Some Useful Pointers

Gear Lubrication

This is the season that particular attention must be paid to the lubrication of the gears in the rear axle and transmission. During the warm weather you might have found a heavy lubricant which was satisfactory but you must now determine what effect the cold weather has upon this particular lubricant. It might happen that the grease becomes so stiff as to permit the gears cutting a path through it, which condition would of course rob the bearings of their required lubricant. Each winter many bearings are ruined due to being deprived of their lubricant. Either thin the lubricant in the cases with kerosene or change to one which is not affected by the cold.

Muffler Explosions

Muffler explosions are usually due to any of the following conditions: Ignition failure, cold motor and sticking exhaust valve. If ignition current is not furnished to a cylinder, the charge will not be exploded and will be discharged from the cylinder into the muffler. The hot exhaust gases from some cylinder which has just fired will follow the mixture into the muffler and cause an explosion at that place. A cold motor acts somewhat the same as ignition failure. Due to the coldness of the cylinder, the charge becomes non-combustible and is discharged into the muffler. Should a cylinder happen to fire, its hot exhaust gases will probably result in a muffler explosion. A sticking exhaust valve prevents compression and therefore a combustible charge is sent into the muffler with the result as above explained.

Right of Way

At some time or other, almost every motorist has met a machine which was driven at right angles to his own and has wondered who had the right of way. Although, to the writer's knowledge, there is no law governing the matter, it is customary to give all vehicles the right of way that are approaching from the right. For example, consider that you were driving down the street and met a vehicle which was being driven toward you on a street at your right. If there is any doubt as to whether you can cross without causing a collision, it is your duty to stop, and give the right of way, for the reason that the vehicle is at your right. On the other hand, if you met a vehicle coming from a street on your left, you have the right of way. The navigation laws form sort of a basis for this custom, they being to the effect that a ship running at right angles to a ship on its starboard must give the right of way to the second ship.

Questions Answered

The description furnished would indicate that the motor continues to run for a time after the ignition current has been switched off. If such is the case, the condition is probably due to a large accumulation of carbon in the cylinders. This carbon will become red hot and cause the motor to continue to run just as if ignition current was being supplied. Have the carbon removed and the valves ground in.

Although the writer never heard of anyone removing carbon by the use of warm vinegar and salt, it has been his experience to learn that there are but two satisfactory ways for ridding the motor of carbon. Scraping is the safest method known. Many manufacturers recommend that the carbon be removed from their motors only by scraping process. If the manufacturer has no objections, the oxygen method will clean the cylinders of all carbon. The chief objection to chemical action, which undoubtedly salt and vinegar has, is that the carbon incrustations break away in rather large pieces, and many times one of these pieces will become trapped under an exhaust valve, necessitating the regrinding of the valve and oftentimes the use of a new valve and recutting of the valve seat.

The chances are that your coil was not burnt out due to having left the ignition current switched on after the engine was stopped, as a burnt-out coil will deliver no current. You state that current is received at times, while at other periods the flow of current is irregular. Would first suggest that you go over the wiring very carefully, looking for worn insulation, touching wires and loose connections. Specially look for loose connections. If an improvement is not then noted, clean the breaker points and make certain they are properly spaced. Bear in mind that a spark may jump the points of a spark plug when it is out of the cylinder, but, due to the resistance in the cylinder, may not jump the points when the cylinder is in place. Do not have the points spaced too far apart. About the thickness of a thin dime is sufficient.

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moist and stuck together by a brownish-yellow gummy matter. In the sheath are seen similar evidences of the disease. The general condition is greatly disturbed; the fever is slight, but sheep are depressed and emaciated; lose appetite; are constipated or loose; strain considerably; rapidly become weak and bloodless, with staggering gait. It is an incurable disease.

In all diseases characterized by discharge from the nose, the afflicted animal should be isolated at once and disinfectants freely used. The chief treatment should be good, sound, nutritious food; abundance of fresh air and liberal use of disinfectants. Tonics, such as the elixir of calisaya bark, iron and strychnine in teaspoonful doses three or four times daily in water, adding milk and raw eggs where the patient is weak. Chloride of lime sprinkled in small quantities about the pens also proves useful both as a disinfectant of the floors and of the sheep's nostrils, besides stimulating discharge from the nose.

Keep Your Cows Comfortable

Does it pay to make cows comfortable? Your milk sheet will tell you, if you have one. Just turn the cows out for two or three hours on a cold blustery day and then watch the milk sheet at night. As "sure as preaching" there will be a drop of a pound or two in milk for every cow in the herd. Or try this: Let the tank get filled up with ice and force the cows to drink ice water. Then watch the milk sheet that night. There's no two sides to this question. It does pay to make your cows comfortable. WARM WATER IS COMFORTABLE TO COWS.—This does not mean hot water but water no colder than it comes from the well. Cows, to give milk, need water and plenty of it. A good dairy cow in full milk needs from 100 to 200 pounds of water a day. She can't drink this much ice water without chilling her badly and taking a lot of energy that should be used in producing milk to warm her up.

TANK HEATERS NECESSARY.—For open tanks in the barnyard a tank heater is necessary. The

heater should either be kept going constantly or else the water should be warmed up so that all ice has melted before the cows are let out to drink. With this arrangement, the cows should be watered twice daily, both morning and afternoon, in order that they may drink all they want.

INDIVIDUAL DRINKING CUPS.—A better way is to keep water constantly before the cows. This is best done by the use of individual drinking cups. Many tests have been made by dairymen to determine the actual cash value of drinking cups. One dairyman has shown that his cows produced three pounds of milk each more when water was before them all the time in cups than when they were turned out to a tank. Figure what this means in a herd of twenty cows. Not less than two dollars a day or over three hundred dollars a year at the present price of milk. Since it costs about two dollars a cow to install these buckets, this is a pretty good interest on the investment. This, of course, does not take into account the saving of time by letting the cow help herself to water any time she wants it, or the protection against spread of disease.

GIVE YOUR COWS COMFORTABLE STANCHIONS.—The old-fashioned stiff stanchion is a poor way to tie a cow. An animal kept constantly tied by this method never gets a good rest. Cows sleep naturally with their heads turned around on their sides, but the stiff stanchion prevents this, and cows so tied seldom get a good sleep. The right kind of stanchion to use is the swinging stanchion either hung on a chain or suspended by a swivel so that the cow can turn her head around at will. Cows kept in comfortable stanchions where they can rest at ease are better cows because they will keep in better condition. The better the condition of the cow the more milk she will give.

GIVE YOUR COWS A GOOD BED.—Cows should have a comfortable place to sleep. This means a soft warm bed. A concrete floor is a cold bed. Concrete floors should always be covered with plank under the cows; but plank, while warmer than concrete, are hard without bedding. Every cow should have a soft bed of clean dry straw on which to lie. The stables should be cleaned twice daily so that there will be as

little filth as possible piled up behind the cow when she lies down.

COWS LIKE SALT.—Don't forget to salt the cows often. They like it and it makes them drink more water and increases the milk flow. Give the cows plenty of salt and often.

Laxative Foods for Horses

In the feeding of horses the owners must take into consideration the kind and amount of work to be done in making up a ration that will prove at once economical and nutritious. He can afford to feed in one way when the horse is idle or doing light work, but this feeding would be wrong and wasteful of animal tissue if the animal were at hard labor. The food at all times must supply a sufficient amount of material to maintain the horse without loss of weight. This is the food of maintenance. The latter food is sufficient if the animal is doing nothing, but must be augmented whenever the animal is to perform labor or produce a healthy fetus. Where work is expected every day, the bowels must be so regulated that nothing of value is lost. When the animal is idle, work does not remove any surplus nutrients of the food not required for repair of tissue or actual maintenance. If the bowels in the latter condition should become constipated and the surplus matters be not removed through the kidneys and sweat pores, the liver and kidneys become surcharged and the blood sluggish and impure. These facts show the importance of a right use of succulent food for horses. While the horse is working hard, the succulent food is a positive injury, in that it tends to remove undigested, as a result of laxity of the bowels, food nutrients that are daily required for formation of muscle supply, or vim and vigor, and, in other words, repair of tissue waste.

The Idle Horse

Where, on the other hand, the horse is idle, the succulent food may be and usually is required to overcome the tendency to constipation and its accompanying train of evils. In the former case, the feeding of bran daily would be detrimental; in the latter case, it would be useful and profitable. The hard working horse keeps its bowels in condition by exercise and utilizes all of the food nutrients supplied him so long as his digestive organs are kept in good condition. If he be fed bran daily, he will continually suffer from what may be called sub-acute indigestion and fail to derive the proper amount of nourishment from the sound oats given him in addition to the bran. When Sunday arrives, however, his wonted exercise is stopped and he is unable to throw off the surplus food nutrients not needed by work. If he has been daily fed bran, he will now be liable to suffer from acute indigestion, if given a bran mash. This being the case, the feeding of a bran mash to a horse that has been taking dry bran throughout the week is a dangerous practice.

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the week, is given a bran mash on Saturday night, the effect will be good, and the practice is generally commended. Occasional bran mashes are also excellent for idle horses when fed upon corn, and a small quantity of bran will make the crushed oats fed to colts more effective. We say these things for the reason that bran causes opening of the bowels by irritating the bowels. It is indigestible and passes through the intestines in many cases wholly undigested. It acts as a laxative for the reason that it is a foreign body and is thrown off as useless by the irritated intestines. For this reason it is an excellent preparation for a physic ball, as when fed in the shape of a bran mash without any other food for two or three feeds, the bowels are opened up somewhat and rendered fit for purgative effects of an aloes ball. Carrots act in a somewhat different manner. They do not prove laxative on account of any irritating effect, but on account of real succulence, and have the special power of acting nicely upon the pores of the skin. They may be fed to a horse in poor condition, when bran would only aggravate the impoverishment. Roots are relished by horses, and digestible but bran must be fed with caution.

Making Barn Work Easy

Is it hard to work around the barn? Well, that all depends. If the barn is properly built, if its furnishings are conveniently arranged, if it is supplied with the proper labor-saving devices, then barn work is easy. No one need dread "chore time" around such a barn. THE LITTER CARRIER.—About the first thing that a barn needs to make work easy is the litter carrier. But a litter carrier cannot be easily installed if the barn is not built right. In a barn so built that the cattle stand in two long rows with their tails together and a driveway between, a single-track litter carrier is very easily installed. A single-track track attached to the barn at one end and anchored to the post at the other is all that is necessary to support the basket. If, however, the cattle are arranged in rows facing each other, a rigid track is necessary. With either outfit the barn work is made much easier. The manure is loaded onto the carrier and shoved out into the yard where it may be dumped automatically onto the manure spreader and thus disposed of with one handling. This takes all the backache out of the old-fashioned way of loading into a wheelbarrow and pushing out into the yard. Besides, there is no reloading onto the spreader. The use of the manure carrier is by far the easiest way of cleaning the barn.

THE FEED CART.—Another time and labor saver is the feed cart. All the feed is put in the box at once and easily pushed down the alleyway where it is distributed to the cattle in proportion to their needs. The entire load is taken at once. There is no running back and forth and no heavy carrying. Next to the litter carrier the feed cart makes barn work easier. THE ADJUSTABLE STANCHION.—Another invention that makes barn work easy is the adjustable stanchion. This makes it possible to line all cows, both large and small, up along the gutter. Instead of being forced to lie in their own filth, they are all kept perfectly clean. Since all droppings fall in the gutter, there is no extra cleaning of the barn required. Neither is there necessity for extra cleaning of the cows before milking. Thus the adjustable stanchion becomes a time and labor saver.

Two New Kinds of Silage

Two new kinds of silage are being tried out somewhat extensively over the United States this year. One of these is made from sunflowers and the other from the leaves of sugar beets. It has long been known that good silage could be easily produced from the waste product of the canning factories, pea vines, but until recently the waste of sugar beet fields, beet leaves, had not been tried.

SILAGE FROM SUNFLOWERS.—Sunflowers have a rank and heavy growth. They produce from 25 to 30 bushels of highly nutritious seed and 15 to 20 tons of stalks and leaves to the acre. This is considerably more than the total yield of corn per acre. It is thought then that the silage made from sunflowers may prove to be a better and cheaper food than corn silage. To test this many of the experiment stations throughout the Middle West have filled silos with sunflowers. The silage is now being tested by feeding it in comparison with corn-silage. The outcome will be watched with great interest, particularly in those localities where sunflowers grow with ease.

SILAGE FROM BEET LEAVES.—In the sugar beet sections beet leaves have been made into silage and farmers are already claiming that beet leaf silage is equal in feeding value to one half its weight of alfalfa hay. In many places the farmers have dug a hole in the earth, lined it with straw and filled it with beet leaves. This valuable feed is now being removed from these pits and fed to stock with remarkable results.

Who Eats Dairy Products?

Cheese Eaters

It may surprise many of us to learn that while Americans are the greatest dairymen in the world, they eat comparatively little of dairy products. According to figures recently announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Dane is the greatest cheese eater of the world, averaging 12.3 pounds of cheese a year, nearly four times as much as the average American, who eats only 3.8 pounds in the same time. Below is a table showing a comparison on the cheese consumption of the leading dairy countries:

Denmark	eats 12.3 pounds per person yearly.
England	" 11.2 "
France	" 8.1 "
Holland	" 8.0 "
Norway	" 7.1 "
Switzerland	" 6.3 "
Italy	" 4.8 "
United States	" 3.8 "

Where the Butter Goes

Here again the average American is way down the list, at least four other countries having a higher average annual consumption of butter. Here is a list that shows the rank as indicated by the figures of the U. S. Department already referred to:

Australia	eats 25.8 pounds of butter per pound yearly
New Zealand	" 21.7 "
Denmark	" 19.6 "
England	" 19.0 "
United States	" 17.5 "
Canada	" 16.3 "
Norway	" 14.0 "
Holland	" 11.3 "
Switzerland	" 11.0 "
Italy	" 2.1 "

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Questions and Answers

FROZEN SHOCK CORN SILAGE.—I would like to know how corn that is frozen in the shock would turn out if I should cut it into silage. How long will it have to lie in the silo before it can be fed to cattle?

A.—Shocked corn makes poor silage, comparatively, but it is better than the dry fodder as a feed for cows. It has to be made wringing wet at time of cutting into the silo and should go through the heating process before being fed. We cannot tell you the exact time necessary to fit it for use as that varies.

BITTER MILK.—Please advise remedy for my cow that gives about a quart of milk at a milking and it is bitter—tastes something like quinine. She will be fresh in February. H. L. W., Hamden, Mo.

A.—Dry off the milk secretion at once and the cow may give good milk when she calves. When a cow has milked for a long time, is nearing calving and gives a little, the milk often is strong, as you describe. It is unfit for use.

BITTER BUTTER.—I have a fine Jersey cow that seems to be in the best of health. She is given a good feed of bran, shorts, oats and corn chop three times a day, and has plenty of hay and fresh water. At times her butter and buttermilk are so strong and bitter that the butter is not fit for use the next day after it is churned. We churn every other day. Please tell me what is the cause and advise as to the remedy. F. A. H., Centerville, Iowa.

A.—The cow is not probably to blame for this condition, as bacteria in the milk utensils are the common cause. Exposure of warm milk to strong odors, or feeding strong-smelling and tasting feed, such as old cabbage or roots, also may cause such conditions. Perfectly sterilize all milk utensils and set the cream in a different place. If necessary, get a cream "starter" from the local creamery.

STRONG MILK.—Please tell me what is the matter with my cow. Her milk has a strong taste after standing for a while. She seems to be in perfect health. We first thought it was caused by something she got to eat, but have changed her feed until we know that is not the cause. She was fresh last April and gives as much milk as usual. D. H., Rockford, N. C.

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to care for me until my health was restored. I went to boarding, while he went to work in another State, but he would make a flying visit to see me every month, was good and kind to me all along, gave me everything I wanted, but that most precious of treasures—his love. A year passed in this way and although I was not strong, still my health was so much improved that I began longing for my own home again, and we decided to go to housekeeping, and then was when I first learned to dissemble and act the hypocrite to disguise my real feelings. I became his friend, his partner in business and if he needed my services for a few hours with his office work, I cheerfully helped him but I also demanded the money for every hour that I served there. He never heard a word of reproach or complaining, neither did he ever hear a word of love from me. I was so different from the clinging, loving girl of old that I often caught him gazing at me in astonishment. Outwardly, I was a cold, self-reliant woman and a perfect mystery to him. I even went so far as to tell him that my love for him was dead, that I had no other feeling for him save that of a sister, and I acted the "sister" stunt so well that he was completely deceived. I kept my house neat and clean, prepared little extra dishes that I knew he liked, I dressed myself as neat and attractively as I possibly could, always went about singing and laughing as if I had not a care in the world, sometimes remarking, "Isn't it so much pleasanter to live married life as a business proposition?" and he would ask me if I was happy to live without love. I told him I certainly was and wouldn't let myself love again for all the gold on earth, that it was all a mistake to love any one but yourself, and the dear boy would look at me so wistfully I could hardly keep up the pretence. My bluff worked. You see, the nurse went away and married and forgot all about her little flirtation with my husband—just as yours will do if you give her time—and my poor husband sadly missed his wife. He missed my little silly baby-talk to him and the caresses that I used to give. He was tired of the business partner and sister and wanted his wife back again and he began trying to win back what he thought he had lost, and such a courtship as that would make you laugh. I thought how foolish he was in thinking that I had ever ceased to love him. That was years ago and my hair is plentifully sprinkled with grey now and so is his but he is not sure of me yet. I still keep him guessing, and I know without a doubt that he loves me better than he did when I was young and foolish enough to let him know how well I loved him. Cheer up, dear, and get busy, for you can win your husband back to you. For he really doesn't love the nurse; he is just infatuated with her. It is you, the mother of his baby, that he loves. You know that men are only boys all their lives; they never do grow up, and the contrast between a pale, sickly, disheveled and complaining wife and the charms of a healthy, red-cheeked nurse is just more than they can stand and we must not blame them too much for they cannot help it. Stay with him and help him to overcome this little infatuation, and he will thank and bless you and love and appreciate you more than ever—just as my husband does me now.

With best wishes for dear Mrs. Wilkinson and all the COMFORT sisters.

Your sister, POLLYANNA.

BUNKERHILL, M. E. Parsonage, KANSAS.

INDIANA: Dear Friend, I am a subscriber to COMFORT and look for it each month, as it is like a visitor coming. I would like to visit each one of you sisters. This is the first letter I have written to our corner. I want to write to two of the sisters who seem to be asking for advice and womanly sympathy. Indiana, you say

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Driven Apart

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said the second, "but it's all gone. Not only that, but my family is scattered to the four winds."

"So's mine," returned the other. "I lived south of Market Street, but all I saved was this kit of tools."

They looked at each other and smiled wearily, but hopefully. Then, moved by some impulse reaching him out of the distant past, the ruined merchant sang in a low tone, but with thrilling earnestness:

"We have worked out our claims, we have spent our gold;

Our barks are astrand on the bars;

We are battered and old, yet at night we behold Outcroppings of gold in the stars.

And though few and old, our hearts are bold;

Yet off do we repine

For the days of old,

For the days of gold,

For the days of Forty-nine."

The words reached farther than the singer knew. A tidal wave of a living ran through every American in that vast crowd of Orientals. Half a hundred voices united in the refrain:

"And though few and old, our hearts are bold;

Yet off do we repine

For the days of old,

For the days of gold,

For the days of Forty-nine."

That was the spirit that, even then, while the city was still in the grip of overwhelming disaster, beat in the breast of every citizen. Neil was inspired, and took fresh courage of his despair.

Half an hour later he was among the refugees on Telegraph Hill, searching for that dear, sweet face which had so suddenly been blotted from his sight. The unkind fates still held him in thrall, and he roamed fruitlessly from spot to spot. He heard some one say that the Grand Opera House was afire, that wholesale stores in the vicinity of Clay Street were blazing, and that the homes of the poor in the district south of Market Street could not last long. But he gave little heed to such talk, and took only passing notice of the smoke plumes waving in the sky to the south. His heart was elsewhere.

Which way should he go? To what point, in all that sea of forlorn and drifting humanity, should he carry his search? He felt his helplessness and clenched his hands and groaned aloud.

"Heaven help me," he whispered; "Heaven help and direct my wandering steps!"

So far, he told himself as he descended the slope of the hill, he had but one thing to be thankful for on his darling's account. She had escaped Berdine. Fearful as it was for her to be alone at such a time, yet that was a thousand-fold better than for her to be in the power of such a man.

He tried to assure himself that Beryl would meet with kindly hearted people, who would shield and cherish her. In his dreary rounds he had encountered so much nobility of soul that he felt his lost one must fall into the hands of those who would be good to her.

Once more his aimless wanderings carried him to Portsmouth Square; and then and there came his first gleam of hope. His eyes rested on a form that moved through the throng with unsteady steps; one glance at the face and he would have leaped upon the form like a tiger, had not a quick thought restrained him.

The man he saw was Hartley Trenwyck, the very person who had borne Beryl from the ranch house to the waiting automobile the night before. The night before! Ah, it seemed like years since the night before!

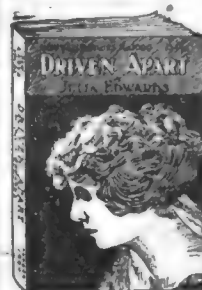
Neil had known of the lawyer in Denver. His unscrupulous character was no secret. Now he appeared to be looking for something. Who could it be? Intuition counseled patience. Neil drew back and waited, then followed at a distance, hoping the lawyer would lead him to that master rogue whom he served.

For an hour Neil hung upon the man's steps, yet cleverly keeping out of his sight. At the end of that time, the lawyer turned into the house in Sutter Street, closing the front door behind him.

Neil was perplexed by this move. What could Trenwyck be doing in that house when every dwelling in that part of the town had been deserted by its occupants? He resolved to investigate, but to do it secretly.

Window openings gaped in the house walls, but Neil preferred to enter by the door. Running up the steps, he opened the door noiselessly and let himself in.

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you had a trained nurse in your home when you were ill. I was a nurse some years ago, and I would say this: You write to the trustees of the hospital where this woman received her training, and I think they will revoke her diploma; also I would appeal to the club of which you say you are both members. This woman needs to be exposed. A man will sometimes get infatuated with a pretty woman, but the nurse would have complained to you at once of his attentions. If you left your husband to enable him to marry this woman, it no doubt would be the best punishment you could inflict on the unworthy pair. Nothing is so hard for a man or wife to forgive as infidelity. A divorced wife has a hard road to travel. You have your child's future at stake. I am sure your husband is very kind to stay with you out of regard to what you have been to his children. Men are peculiarly selfish, and others have heart-breaking things to put up with. Twenty years ago in apartments where we lived in Denver, was a lady aged twenty-eight. She was married when she was fourteen to her husband; he met a stenographer in a mining district where he had his office; he would make visits to his wife, would lie on the bed, smoke a cigar, and incidentally curse his wife and tell her to get out. She told me she had married so young she knew nothing but housework and did not feel she could go as a servant at her age in anybody's kitchen, so she stayed, and he was away so much, she went to one of the best stores in Denver, bought expensive clothes and charged the bills to him. Some months later her husband came home, and told her the stenographer was soon to become a mother. The poor wife came to his rescue and brought the girl to Denver and put her in the Crittenton Home. You, poor heart,

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can now see what some women put up with, who, to all appearances, are happy, well-dressed wives. Stay where you are if you have no way of supporting yourself. You may as well nurse your sorrow at your own hearth as at the hearth of others, who would soon tire of your sad face. Wear your prettiest dresses and sing when he is around, and let him see you are not wearing your heart on your sleeve for him.

"Arizona. Dear troubled Sister—I have read your letter with much sympathy. You say your husband is kind; it is not very kind of him to tell you he was happy before he was married. We have been together thirteen years, and you both ought to know each other's good qualities by this time. No, I would not advise you to leave, but I would suggest that you take a month's vacation, and you no doubt will get a letter telling how lonesome he is. Help, these days, is hard to get. A judge in a damage suit said a wife's services were worth ten dollars a week, but we do not get it. You take that vacation and see how things go. Absence works wonders. Men and women have an opportunity to miss each other. You often read in the society column where Mr. So-and-so went to the mountains, and Mrs. So-and-so went to the lakes. They waited a change. The fact that you live thirty-five miles from town shows that you see too much of each other and need change of scene. Shall be glad to have you write me.

MRS. GILLMORE

EVANS CITY, PA.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

For years I have sat back and enjoyed your talks and reaped great benefits but now I feel I must write a few words of counsel to "A Sister", whose letter appeared in a recent number.

Do not despair for love is really just a small thing after all and man is a fickle animal by nature. My mother always said, "Fields far away look greenest," so try and make yourself look "green." As you say he is always kind to you, it looks as though there were a chance. If he grows tired of your company, then you should grow tired of his or appear to at any rate. My idea would be to have a quiet talk and tell him that as you have lost his love so he has lost a wife. Tell him you will remain and help him all you can with the understanding that you have all the privileges of a servant. For you know, sisters, we wives don't have the same privileges. Give him liberty to go when and where he pleases and with whom he pleases, only reserve the same rights yourself and use them, too. Treat him kindly but at no time show your love. Go whenever possible without considering him. In a few words, "think of yourself first." If there are visits you have longed to make, make them now. He will miss you. Also do lots of fussing with your appearance but do not call his attention to it. Appear to do it for others. If in the course of time his love fails to respond, you had better leave as a life on a farm is a hard life at its best. Don't wait too long but go while the "going's good" as the boys say. Last of all, don't work so hard. A hired girl would not, and think of yourself in that light. Tell him that as his love has changed, so has yours. Sing about your work and appear to be happy with the new arrangement. Read in his presence and make no effort to entertain him and I think in time this will change matters. If not it will be just as well as I believe an unseen power is guiding our lives and that all things work for the good although we may not understand at the time and life is really sweeter for a few ups and downs. Never plead for a man's affections. Be just as cold as he and you will find that it does more good.

Now sisters, this letter is a waste of space to a lot of you and I humbly beg your pardon but I would have written direct to "A Sister" had I known her address. If Wife in Name Only will write me I will try and help her.

With love to all the sisters,

MRS. IRENE NOLDSHEIM

SEVIERVILLE, TENN.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

What a host of sisters there are, and a few men, too. Please, Mrs. Wilkinson, don't put me over there by Bachelor Bill for I want to talk with the dissatisfied country girls and see in the corner. I find there are so many of our country girls who don't enjoy country life. Girls, life is just what we make it so we may just as well be happy. The reason so many girls are not satisfied with farm life is because it is all work and no play, and that, you know, makes Jack a

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dull boy. Let me tell you how the girls of our community are kept happy and yet at the same time are learning to be useful.

We have organized a garden club and have twenty-five members. Every member has a garden all her own and takes all the care of it and does all the work herself, with the exception of the very heavy work and while the young plants are growing this gives the girl an opportunity to learn something new and pass it on to the other girls at the next meeting. We have a meeting every week, either at the schoolhouse or the home of one of the girls, and have a program planned for the occasion which consists of talks by the members on some of the following subjects: The best plans for a garden. The value of labor-saving devices. How I can make my home happier. How I can beautify the home grounds. Needs of an attractive school.

I am giving this, hoping it may be helpful to someone. And at these meetings we learn to sew, patch and darn. The county demonstrating agent visits us every month and we have a fully equipped kitchen at the schoolhouse and we spend a most pleasant day, learning new and better ways of cooking, sewing and doing housework. And when dinner-time comes we have a dinner cooked by our own hands and it is so much fun. At these meetings we plan our picnics, horseback rides, etc., and have some real fun that is denied the city girl. There is no better place to have a good time than on the farm if we will only take advantage of the opportunities. We club girls attend the short course at our nearest town every July and spend three happy days learning to can, cook and sew. Then we meet the other club girls of the county.

And in autumn when our gardens are harvested and canning all done we have a community fair, also a county fair, where prizes are offered for different things and this gives every girl a chance to win some Christmas or pin money. Each club has its own song and yell composed by the members. If a girl is a member of the garden club she doesn't have much time to get blue and worry over the city's attractions, so called.

Girls, get busy, all together, and have a jolly time along with your work. This year the club girls bought a piano for our school and raised the money by pie-and-box suppers and entertainments.

How many have my birthday, February 20th? I would like a postcard shower and will answer all I can.

MISS LENNIS M. RULE.

TEXAS.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I wonder if you will let me join you a while this evening? I think there are some very interesting subjects up for discussion in the Sisters' Corner.

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CHAPTER VI. SELLING THE CATCH.

THE fur season came rapidly to a close. With the approach of warmer weather, animals were more active. We took several mink but did not do as well as we had in the fall. When the ice melted and high water spread over the low land, Rock Creek became a torrent. It was only by hard work that we were able to pull up the traps to save them from being washed away.

Our catch was quite large. Like many others, we made a mistake in not selling as soon as the skins were ready for market. It seemed, however, that we could not part with a single hide and gloried in them, as they hung in the shed. We had eighty-nine muskrats, nineteen mink, a raccoon, fourteen civets and twenty-one skunk. The oil we had rendered and hoped to sell was also in our possession; but, notwithstanding the drug clerk's assurance, no one would buy the oil.

The three of us now debated where to dispose of our pelts. About that time, a traveling buyer appeared and purchased St. John's lot. The buyer's name was Steve Machet, and he represented a small concern in a nearby city. The introduction and request that we show him the skins came as a welcome solution to our problem of selling.

How I remember that experience! It was in the evening, and we led the way to the old outhouse with a lantern. Fred, Jim and I were excited, for, if we got our money at once, we could attend a medicine show that was being held at the opera house that night. Without money, our chances were poor.

The buyer evidently was aware of our eagerness to sell. He scarcely glanced at the furs before he began shaking his head, apparently disappointed. Then he commenced to show us the defects. Our mink was not handled right; the skunk had too much meat on them; the raccoon ought to have been stretched more; the civets had no uniformity of shape; something was wrong with the muskrats—in fact, he had us almost convinced that we had not only wasted our time but his as well. Worst of all, it was nearing seven o'clock, and the show started at eight.

"I don't believe I want them, boys," he apologized, shrugging his shoulders. "You realize—" "But they're worth something," Fred interrupted. "Just take another look and see if you can't give us an offer."

The man hesitated; motioned to me to bring the light closer. He consulted a price-list several times and then began to put down some figures on a piece of paper. Anxiously, my partners and I waited.

Steve finally announced his bid: "Fifteen dollars is all I can pay, and I wouldn't do that except to help you out after you have worked so hard."

It was a bitter pill. Months we had toiled on the line, rising before sun-up and tramping through all kinds of weather to look at our traps. We could not sell for that price and told Machet so.

"You're the judge," was his crisp reply. "Only, if you don't get rid of the lot now they won't be worth a cent in a week or so. I come through here only once a month and by that time—"

He paused suggestively. We trappers looked at one another. "Fifteen dollars was poor pay, yet better than nothing at all. I was going to let the dealer have them, when Fred spoke up.



"SURE THEY ARE," SAID A VOICE.

"We must have twenty at least. We promised another fellow something for helping us with the skunk."

"Yes," Jim seconded, thinking of "Dago" Moon. Steve paused; figured again and shook his head. "No," he announced firmly, "they ain't worth it."

"Sure they are," said a voice.

And, with that, St. John, the old trapper, stepped into the circle of light and pulled a check book from his pocket. "If you don't want this lot at a hundred and twenty dollars, I'll take it myself. And then it'll cost you just a twenty to get 'em from me."

We three owners gasped; almost fell over. Before we had time to recover, the pelt hunter was speaking again. "You know, Steve, the catch is every bit as good as mine, and you paid a hundred and fifty for that. I told the boys how to handle their furs and I won't let you blind them into believing their goods are not worth their price."

Now, I ask again, will you take them or not?" The crooked buyer glared, seemed about to speak, but the words died on his lips. Without hesitating at all, he gave us a draft for our money. Sure enough, the amount read one hundred and twenty dollars.

Fred, Jim, St. John and I worked to help put the pelts in sacks. As soon as our visitor had left, we repaired to the shoe shop to show what we had made. Our benefactor said not a word except that he had helped us get a few dollars more for our lot. We determined not to tell him about what we had asked, fearing ridicule, but at the same time we hardly knew how to express our thanks for the good luck. Instead of four or five dollars each, we had nearly forty after paying the drug clerk as we had agreed.

It was not until years afterward that we learned the truth. The old trapper, it seems, after unjustly accusing us of disturbing his sets, sought to make up for his treatment, especially after we had consulted him so much about fur bearers. He was pleased at the homage paid his knowledge of the great outdoors, and he and McKerron, Sr., often slid into our shed at night to remedy much we had failed to do with the hides. Since we boys did not handle the skins, once they were hung up we did not discover that the two conspirators were working for our interests secretly. St. John had even offered to buy the catch himself, but Jim's father told us nothing of this, preferring to see what kind of a sale we could make.

When the dealer appeared, the old trapper had posted himself just outside the door and heard every word that had been said. Then, at the opportune moment he entered and forced Machet to pay us a hundred and twenty dollars instead of the twenty for which we were haggling. "Steve," McKerron explained, "was just naturally crooked. He saw nothing wrong in almost stealing furs when he knew the owner did not suspect their value. But things are now different, and with the big magazines—" "True," I replied. "Even a boy who does not know a muskrat from a coon can ship to any of the reliable houses advertised in 'COMFORT' and other reliable magazines and be sure of getting what his catch is worth."

"Right you are," was his answer, loading the old briar and shoving the stem between his teeth. "But don't you forget that most of the young pelt hunters are reading these publications, too, and taking no chances, but shipping to reliable houses where they are sure of fair prices. Naturally, there was nothing left for me to do but agree."

apt to get the air passages clogged up with soft food, causing the gosling to smother; but on no account must they be permitted to get their bodies into the water, as they chill and cramp so easily.

It is much better to buy two- or three-year-old birds from a reliable dealer for stock than obtain eggs for setting and wait for them to develop. After the breeding season is over, geese and goslings need little grain if on grass land. Late in the fall, geese do well if turned into the corn stubble or the orchard, where they will clean up all the windfalls—which does much to stamp out grubs and insects.

Correspondence

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G. P. F.—I thoroughly considered your account of the different birds, and feel sure that your birds have diphtheria—not roup. Diphtheria is a disease having some of the symptoms of a cold, or of contagious catarrh, but which differs from these and is especially characterized by the development of false membranes on the mucous surface of the nostrils, eyes, mouth, throat, and even of the smaller air tubes. The false membranes are new growths and of a grayish or yellowish color, very tough, and very difficult to remove from the tissues beneath them. The diphtheria of fowls is caused by a filterable and invisible virus, and therefore is entirely distinct from the diphtheria of children, which is caused by a well-known bacillus. The disease is strictly contagious, and probably never develops as a result of exposure to cold or dampness, although these conditions favor its spread and tend to increase its malignancy. The contagion is generally introduced by newly purchased birds which have been to exhibitions and there exposed to sick fowls. Sometimes it is carried by pigeons and other small birds. Very often an out-

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Poultry Farming for Women

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break is caused by contagion from an apparently well bird which had the disease and recovered months before. The contagion is spread through the mucus which escapes from the nostrils, or that which is forced out by the acts of sneezing and coughing, in the saliva, the secretions of the eyes, and also the excrement. When the disease appears in a flock, the floors of the houses, the drinking cups and feeding troughs, are at once infected by the diseased birds, and the well ones soon contract the disease from the contaminated water and food. It is consequently but a few days before a large part of the flock shows symptoms, though some are more severely affected than others. Diphtheria begins as a local irritation or inflammation at some point on the internal surface of the mouth, throat, nostril, or eyes. At this time the general health is not yet affected, and there is nothing but the diphtheritic deposit to indicate that the bird has been attacked. This deposit is at first thin, yellowish or whitish in color, and gradually becomes thicker, firmer and more adherent, so that considerable force is required to remove it. The mucus membrane beneath the deposit is found, when the latter is removed, to be inflamed, ulcerated, and bleeding, but it is soon covered by a new deposit. This deposit is called a false membrane, and when it is situated where the air passes over it in breathing, it dries, becomes uneven and fissured, and its color changes to a dark brown. While the false membranes over the parts first affected are becoming thicker, the inflammation extends to the adjoining surfaces, and new diphtheritic centers develop, uniting with each other until the cheeks, the tongue, the palate, the throat, and the inside of the nostrils are covered. Very often the inflammation extends from the nostrils to the eyes and the sacs beneath the eyes, and sometimes it penetrates the air tubes to the lungs or the gullet to the crop. This extension of the disease leads to the appearance of other symptoms. The inflammation in the nostrils causes sneezing and the escape of a thin, watery secretion from the nasal openings; the thick false membranes fill up the nasal passages and the throat and obstruct the breathing; a thick, viscid secretion collects on the eyelids and glues them together; the sacs under the eyes fill up, and swellings are caused which disfigure the head; the poison which is produced by the growth of the microbe beneath the false membranes is absorbed and affects the nervous system, causing dullness, depression, and sleepiness. The affected bird stands with neck extended and the beak open to facilitate the entrance of air into the lungs. At this time, which may be from three to five days from the appearance of the first symptoms, the condition is very serious. Swallowing is very difficult or impossible; breathing is so obstructed that hardly sufficient air can be inhaled to support life; the head is swollen; the eyes are nearly or entirely closed; the feathers of the head, neck and breast are foul with the decomposing secretions from the nostrils and mouth; there is considerable fever; an exhausting diarrhea sets in; there is rapid loss of weight; the comb and wattles become pale and cold; the temperature of the body finally sinks below the normal, and death soon follows. When false membranes form in the gullet, crop and intestines, there is a rapid aggravation of symptoms, and intense diarrhea, and the escape of blood with the droppings. This type of the disease is more frequent with water fowl than with other birds. Some fowls in a flock are resistant and after a few days of illness make a rapid recovery. Others remain dull, weak and thin in flesh, and may have more or less catarrh and difficulty in breathing for a long time. It is better to kill those affected, bury or burn their carcasses, disinfect the poultry houses and in that way eradicate the contagion as soon as possible, even if the whole flock must be sacrificed. If it is decided to treat the sick birds, they should be removed from the flock and put in a comfortable, well-ventilated room which may be easily disinfected. Make a solution by dissolving two drams of common salt in a quart of warm water, and with a soft brush or plectrum of absorbent cotton dipped in this solution gently brush or rub the false membranes until they are disintegrated or loosened from the underlying tissues. Sometimes it is necessary to scrape them off with a spoon or knife, but it must be done carefully

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MANUFACTURERS' NOTE: Nuxated Iron which is recommended by physicians is not a secret remedy but one which is well known to druggists everywhere. Unlike the older inorganic iron products, it is easily assimilated and does not injure the teeth, make them loose, or upset the stomach. The manufacturers guarantee successful and entirely satisfactory results to every purchaser or they will refund your money. It is dispensed by all other druggists.



Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author, says that physicians should prescribe more organic iron—Nuxated Iron—for their patients—Anemia—Iron deficiency is the greatest cause of the health, strength, vitality and beauty of the modern American woman—Sounds warning against use of metallic iron which may injure the teeth, corrode the stomach and in many cases do more harm than good; advises use of only Nuxated Iron.

so that bleeding will not be caused or the sensitive tissues injured. After the false membrane has been removed, moisten a pledget of absorbent cotton in a two per cent solution of lysol or carbolic acid, and apply it for a minute or two to the diseased surface. A solution which gives good results is made by dissolving 35 grains of chlorate of potash and two grains of salicylic acid in one ounce of water and adding one ounce of glycerine. This may be applied to the diphtheritic spots three or four times a day with a pledget of absorbent cotton. Another solution which is often recommended is made by dissolving 16 grains of permanganate of potash in half a pint of water. A very good and also a harmless solution consists of one and one half ounces of boric acid and one ounce of powdered borax (biborate of soda) dissolved in one quart of water and applied warm. The two last mentioned solutions may be used to wash the eyes or may be injected into the nostrils. If large swellings appear beneath the eyes, they should be opened with a clean, sharp knife, the contents of the cavity removed, and the space frequently washed with the boric-acid solution mentioned above. Many poultrymen think that the treatment is not complete without fumigation. To accomplish this, vaporize tar water or oil of turpentine in the room by dropping it slowly on a hot brick or stone after the doors and windows have been tightly closed. If the operator remains in the room with the fowls, he can easily determine when as much of the remedy has been vaporized as can safely be used and should stop at that point. The tar water is prepared by stirring two tablespoonfuls of wood tar in a quart of warm water and letting the mixture stand for a few hours. The cages and the room in which the sick birds are kept should be disinfected daily with a five per cent solution of cresol or carbolic acid.

E. B. B.—Cabbage, turnips or beets are all good for chickens. As you have no wheat, leave out half the buckwheat and double the amount of oats, and add one extra part of cracked corn. Barred Plymouth Rocks are good general purpose fowls, but not quite such good producers of eggs as Leghorns, Anconas, or any of the light breeds, but for your part of the country, where the winters are severe, I think you will find them more profitable, as they stand cold weather and farm conditions better than the lighter breeds.

15 EGGS A DAY FROM 23 HENS, IN WINTER

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G. K.—The conditions you describe show an abnormal state of the egg organs. It is too involved a subject to treat in this column, but in one of the early spring numbers of COMFORT I will cover the subject fully.

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AUGUST



JANUARY

Gold Birthstone Rings

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No. 8411, January, Garnet. No. 8421, February, Amethyst. No. 8431, March, Bloodstone. No. 8441, April, Diamond. No. 8451, May, Emerald. No. 8461, June, Agate. No. 8471, July, Ruby. No. 8481, August, Sardonyx. No. 8491, September, Sapphire. No. 8501, October, Opal. No. 8511, November, Topaz. No. 8521, December, Turquoise.
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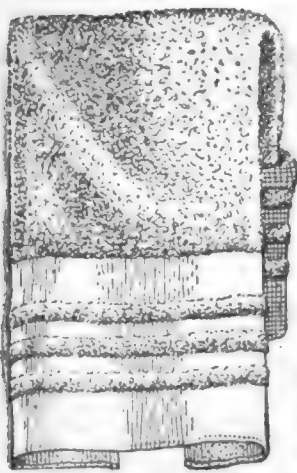
2-Piece Toilet Set



THIS is a good grade Toilet Set, consisting of comb and brush. The comb is seven inches long, with coarse and fine teeth, and comes in the new popular "Malachite" green finish. The brush is nine inches long, two and a half inches wide, with firm white bristles, and is finished in the same beautiful "Malachite" green, with a silver shield on the back. We have given away thousands of these sets and it never fails to please.

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Good Size
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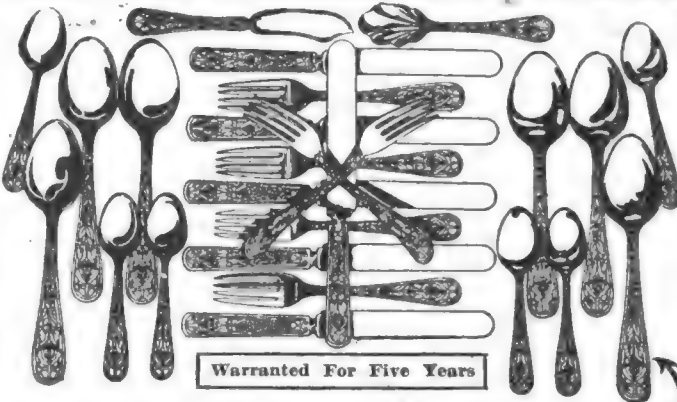
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Yours Prepaid For
A Club Of Seven

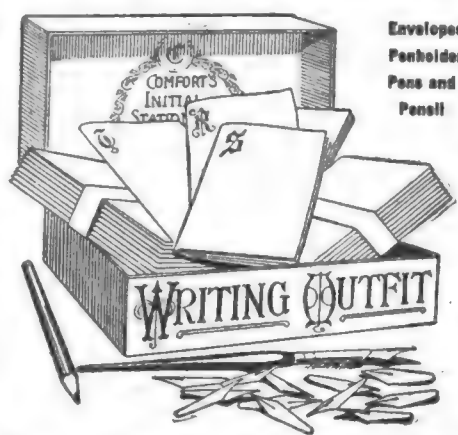
WE have in the past made many offers of table-ware, but this is the first time we have been able to offer a complete set of 26 Pieces in return for so small a club. And please don't think that because we are giving this set on liberal terms that it is plated on a brass base and consequently will change color and have that "brassy" look just as soon as the plating wears off. On the contrary, it has a white metal base; therefore each and every piece is the same color all the way through and will not show signs of wear, even after years of constant use. As shown in the above illustration, there are 26 pieces in this set—6 Knives, 6 Forks, 6 Teaspoons, 6 Tablespoons, Sugar Shell and Butter Knife. Each piece is full regulation size for family use, the handles are handsomely embossed and the blades of the knives and the bowls of the teaspoons and tablespoons are perfectly plain and bright polished. It is only because we



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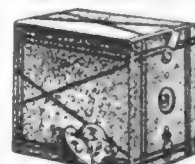
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Comfort Sisters' Corner

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 41.)

risson gave to those fine modest young ladies that Old Maid spoke about? I don't think he really meant it. Now, honest Injun, George, if you had a sister would you want her to take a leaf out of the average fifteen-year-old girl's book and play the game as she does? I don't think you would. I think the parents are to blame in either extreme. They should teach their girls to treat their boy friends with the same degree of friendliness that they do their girl friends.

Will leave my name and address with Mrs. Wilkinson should anyone care to write to me.

JUST A GIRL.

OHIO.

DEAR OLD COMFORT FRIENDS:
We have had COMFORT in our family for a great many years. My little boy used to take it and he belonged to Uncle Charlie's Club. He is now grown to manhood and lives in the city but still clings to COMFORT. I get the paper in the old home and send it to him after I read it. Thus it does double duty. I hardly know what part I like best as I read it all. I think Uncle Charlie a fine man and I remember once when people were talking about who should run for President my little boy said, "Mamma, do you know who I want for President?" When I told him I did not know he said it was "Uncle Charlie, of course," so you see he was one of the great men with the little folks as well as with us older ones. He certainly has done and is doing great good for mankind. May Heaven bless him in his work and give him strength to go on as he has been doing for the right, no matter what his enemies may say or do. I enjoy the Sisters' Corner almost as much as I do Uncle Charlie's department and read all the letters, also the letters from the men. I think there are mostly all talk for we surely know they respect and admire the women they criticize, for their mother was a woman, and there is no man living who does not respect and love his mother. To the dissatisfied women, I would say: Don't air your troubles before the whole world. I find we get more comfort and sympathy near home. Do the best you can and don't exaggerate Hubby's little faults. We are far from being perfect ourselves.

Love to all. YOUR COMFORT SISTER.

LITTLETON, N. O.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:
I have taken COMFORT for years and love it dearly. I believe in marriage for love. If a woman marries a man she does not love and he is good and kind to her and does everything to make her comfortable, I think it is unreasonable and foolish for her to always be moan her fate and say they are ill matched. How much better it would be to learn to love him.

How would you feel if you had a husband that came home drunk and spent all the money? If a wife is to share her husband's joys and sorrows, is she not entitled to share his money? Yet how many husbands come home and say they made a certain amount in the past week and give their wives half of it? Not one in a thousand does that.

I have received many helps from COMFORT and want to pass along a hint about baking bread. I use the oil stove and as my oven does not bake very well I often bake it in the skillet. I make my dough soft, as for muffins, grease the skillet and flour it, pour the batter in and cover it. Do not have too hot a fire. Before long it will be ready to turn. I use the batter cake turner for this.

If any soldier who reads this was in the 4th Iowa Cavalry, commanded by Colonel, afterward General E. F. Winslow, who went through Mississippi in 1863, please communicate with me as there is a matter of history that I want to get.

Mrs. B. H. WEAR.

HUNTINGTON, 510 Moore St., PA.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND ALL:
Four years have passed since I wrote you and if it isn't asking too great a favor I should like to call again.

First, I wish to thank all the sisters who have written to me. I am very, very sorry that I couldn't answer all the kind and interesting letters, but time would not permit. If you don't object, I would like to sit down beside Bill and make a few comments on his letter.

All inventions have been improved upon. Man was made first, then woman. Why shouldn't she be an improvement? I've been on this universe thirty-five years and I find it requires a lot of tact and broad-minded views to please the whims and fancies of the average man. Believe me, old maids, as "some folks" vulgarly call them, have nothing on the men.

Speaking of dainty toilettes, they are very desirable if one can afford them, but why shouldn't a beautiful character appeal more to a man? Some beautiful gems are encased in very plain settings. Humanity in general reminds me a great deal of the good farmer's winter apples. Some are sound as a silver dollar all through; others beautiful to look upon, but rotten at the core; others, alas, rotten all the way through.

When two men form a partnership, the profits are divided equally, but when a man takes a wife for a life partner, he puts the profits into his own pocket and when the wife needs a new suit he comments on it until she loses heart and often goes without it.

Now that the war is over, we should not let our patriotism diminish. The increasing demand in the cities for the necessities of life should encourage us to save all that we can. Let us teach our children the meaning of true patriotism. It is not only marching in a parade and floating the colors, but living up to what the colors indicate. It can easily be done by teaching them to be courteous, truthful, honest, and keeping the lawns and surroundings free from litter.

To those of you who are thinking of taking a little child to care for as your own, it is a noble work but can you give it the loving care and devotion you would a child of your own? Children are so thoughtless and yet so loving that they should be carefully guarded. The impressions that we leave on the childish mind are often lasting and I think we should not forget that the lessons we impart to them in childhood is fitting a child for a future citizen of the United States, a soul for immortality. Even parents sometimes slight obligations to their own children. I once heard the remark: "Let children dig for themselves, the same as we did." I think children should be taught to help themselves; the saying that "steel tempest steel" is a true one but yet, I think we should help our children to help themselves. A carefully trained child does not often become ungrateful. We speak of the care that our children bring to us but do we ever stop to think of what we owe to our children? We are responsible for their existence; they must bear our name; it should be an unshakable one. Their home, no matter how lowly, should be a happy, well-managed one. I think they should also be taught the value of money, and how to spend it wisely.

Best wishes to all.

MRS. R. K. WEAVER.

Missing Relatives and Friends

For the convenience of its subscribers, COMFORT reopens the "Missing Relatives and Friends" column. To the readers of COMFORT is extended the privilege of inserting three-line notices in this column if they will secure only one new yearly subscriber to COMFORT at 50c. If you wish to find a missing relative or friend you can insert a three-line notice containing not over 25 words in this column by securing only one new subscriber at 50c. If a longer notice is required send one 50c subscription for each additional seven words.

Mrs. Maggie Trantham, Florence, Ark., would like information of Mrs. Angeline Trantham (nee Tyler), wife of T. J. Trantham, had two children, a son and daughter, last heard of in Missouri.

Mrs. Ed Gill of Oil City, La., would like to hear from her brother and sister, Olen and Norene Owens.

Mrs. R. Clark of Montague, Calif., would like to hear some news of her son, Teddie, age 17, black hair and eyes, is five ft., 8 in. tall. Last heard from, March 20, 1910, at Marshfield, Oregon.

Mrs. John Weight of Nishabotna, Missouri, is anxious to hear from her brother, Hiram Dew, last heard from in 1910 in Washington State.

Mrs. E. P. Treagle of Buckhannon, W. Va., would like to get some information of her son, William. Was in Canada near North Portal when heard from last.

Will any of the COMFORT readers knowing the whereabouts of Homer T. Jordan kindly write to his sister, Miss Orlena Jordan, Cameron, New Mex., as she is very anxious to find him.

Mrs. S. A. Warner, Dansville, R. R. 1, Mich., would like to find Freeman Haindel, who left his home March 6, 1918. Any information of him will be gratefully received.

Mrs. Mattie Middlebrooks, care of Cotton Mill, Brenham, Texas, would like to get information of her brother, Mr. H. M. Stephens, last heard from in July, 1917, in Yoakum, Texas. He left Yoakum and went to Jackson Co., Texas, to pick cotton and hasn't been heard from since.

Wanted—Information concerning the whereabouts of Mrs. Annie Mann, last heard of in Connecticut. Will any COMFORT reader knowing the present address of Mrs. Mann kindly write to Alice Lipscomb, Clarksville, R. R. 2, Box 70, Miss.

Mrs. W. M. Allen, Irondale, R. R. 1, Missouri, would like to find her daughter and son-in-law, Mr.

and Mrs. John Hinson. Will any of the COMFORT readers knowing the address of Mr. and Mrs. Hinson kindly write to Mrs. Allen at once?

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he was so busy trying to step on Kaiser Bill's corn that he did not have time to write. Mr. Burleson ought to use him to advertise the efficiency of the postal service. Possibly, however, your brother was at fault. He may have thrown his ink bottle at the Germans and thus have been unable to write. As regards the songs, I'm sorry to inform you that the "Texas Cowboy" no longer exists. He uses an automobile, and "Nellie Gray" is now Nellie Red. She is so daubed all over with red paint like so many other girls that to one with her again recognize her or care to sing about her. Nellie has gone red, she's a Bolshevik and that settles her so far as I am concerned.

League Shut-in and Mercy Work for February

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it unto Me."

Written references from doctor and postmaster must positively accompany all appeals from shut-ins. Appeals unaccompanied by written references will be destroyed.

Dorothy Grigg, Glen Allen, Ala. Shut-in. Aged mother her only support. Poor, sick and suffering. Send her some of the sympathy that buys bread. Well recommended. Marguerite Nowen, Henrietta, Ky. Blind for several years. In very needy condition. Would appreciate second-hand clothing and financial assistance. Postmaster recommends her highly. Laura Jones, Cambria, Va. Crippled from birth. Aged mother her only support. Send her some cheer. W. B. Ballew, Sparta, Tenn. Helpless invalid. Well recommended. Sad case. Send him some substantial cheer. Jeff Collins, Tomahawk, Ky. Crippled. Unable to work. Has three children too small to earn anything. Would be glad of second-hand clothing and any assistance you care to send. Miss Susan Agee, Spencer, R. R. 1, Box 41, Va. Sick, blind, poor and needy. Do not pass her by. Mrs. Kate Coleman, Price, R. R. 2, N. C. Helpless from rheumatism. Would appreciate quilt pieces, second-hand clothing and any help you care to send her. Earl H. Craft, Paris, Box 251, Mo. Had both legs amputated twelve years ago. Would appreciate cheery letters. Geo. Lee Hurt, Fort Payne, R. R. 3, Ala. Little crippled boy, 14 years of age. Would appreciate letters and postal picture cards and anything to help pass the time. Mrs. Beulah Moore, Campbell, N. C. Invalid. Would like reading matter, especially books.

The poor souls whose names are listed above are in too desperate need to care for anything but substantial financial aid. They cannot eat or wear sympathy, and they despise tracts. Fork out your silver or your currency, it is the only thing that goes with God or man. Sympathy with cash makes a splendid combination, but sympathy without cash cuts no ice. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Lovingly yours,

Uncle Charlie

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Best Ways of Doing Things Around The Home

A few drops of vinegar added to frosting keeps it moist.

If your curtains do not draw easily on rod, rub with paraffin.

Mildew on leather can be removed by rubbing with vaseline.

To keep apple butter, from scorching while cooking, put ashes under kettle.

Add a little bluing to the water used in washing glass of any kind and it will be much clearer.

Rapid boiling destroys the flavor and spoils the color of vegetables.—MRS. ROBERT R. GOLDEN, Cornell, Wis.

When making sausage add a level teaspoon of ginger to each gallon of sausage. This makes it more easily digested.

Try cleaning an iron bedstead with soda and vinegar. Rub on with cloth and then wash off.—WILL ROSE, Missouri.

Rub French chalk on both sides of grease spot on table-cloth and let remain a short time. When brushed off, no trace of grease remains.

Face one end of a quilt with a piece of cloth six or eight inches wide. When this is soiled it can be ripped off and laundered and the quilt will remain clean.

Put a tape or braid onto children's mittens, just long enough to go into the sleeves and around the neck and reach the hands comfortably. The children will have no trouble then in finding them.

Have a high-chair or stool in your kitchen and use it whenever doing work that can be done sitting. Four wooden-tipped bumpers for a door, screwed into the legs of a chair will often make it the desired height. A small table can be raised in this manner.

If you use roller towels, divide them into several parts by sewing across with colored, fadeless thread, and mark initials of each child in each space. In this way each child has a separate towel and you can make them wash cleaner by telling them to see whose towel stays cleanest the longest time.—TORSY TURVY JON, Mich.

Remedies

CHILBLAIN CURE—Spirits turpentine, one ounce; sulph. acid, two drams; olive oil, two and one half ounces. Mix and apply to affected parts two or three times a day. Be sure and mix sulph. acid and olive oil first and then add turpentine.

ASTHMA—Stramonium leaves, two ounces; digitalis leaves, one ounce; henbane leaves, one ounce; saltpeter, pure, three quarters ounce. Rub the leaves together, dissolve the saltpeter, saturate the leaves with the saltpeter solution. If not enough saltpeter, it will not burn; if too much, it will burn rapidly. A tablespoonful should be ignited and the fumes inhaled. The bowels should be kept open.

EACACHE REMEDY—Olive oil, one ounce; laudanum, 20 drops. Mix, shake before using. Put about one half teaspoon of above mixture into teaspoon and warm over lamp or stove, just warm, not too hot. Then pour into the ear and put cotton in ear to prevent remedy from running out.—MRS. OWEN GAUBLE, Shrewsbury, W. Va.

Requests

I would like very much to have the song, "Lorren."—EVALYN MAXWELL, Fair Oaks, Ark.

Would like to exchange plants with the sisters.—MRS. E. W. HIGGINS, Ferguson, N. C.

WANTED—Kipling's poem, "The Female of the Species."—MINNIE T. LARAWAY, Guilford, Box 127, N. Y.

I would like the December, 1916, and March, 1918, numbers of COMFORT.—MRS. ROBERT R. GOLDEN, Cornell, Wis.

I would like the October, 1919, number of The Illustrated Companion.—MRS. WILLIAM GADY, Kouts, R. R. 1, Ind.

Will some kind reader send me the October, 1919, number of The Illustrated Companion.—JESSIE M. MORSE, Vian, Box 104, Okla.

I would like to hear from someone who lives where English walnuts and hazel nuts grow abundantly.—MRS. C. A. TAYLOR, Hartford, S. Dak.

WANTED—Poem about Custer's last charge, containing words, "We can die but once, boys."—HENRY H. THOMPSON, Ft. Ripley, Route 3, Box 12, Minn.

Will someone please send me the words to Gounod's "Nazareth." "The Nightingale Song," by Zeller, and "Tommy's Prayer."—MISS CLARA M. HOBBS, Quaker City, Ohio.

I would like to get the August, 1918 and 1919, also Sept., 1919, numbers of The Illustrated Companion. Will return favor. Write first.—MISS MARIE CHUBB, Nowlin, Box 24, S. Dak.

Will someone send me the two poems, beginning, "A painter stood in his studio, his gaze with wonder bound," and "Hear the bells whose humid measure fall upon the startled ear." Address after March 1.—MRS. L. EMMA SMITH, Charlotte, 417 N. Clinton St., Mich.

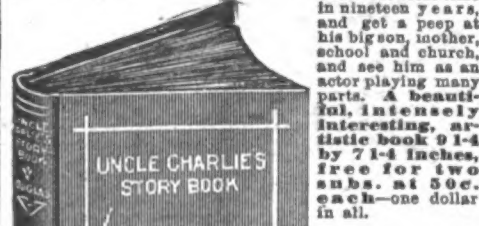
Would like to get the following magazines and will return favor in any way I can or will pay for copies received: Hearst's, September, 1919; Metropolitan, January, June and July, 1919, issues; and COMFORT, July and August, 1910 issues.—WILLIAM SYLING, Ellwood City, R. 1, Box 47, Pa.

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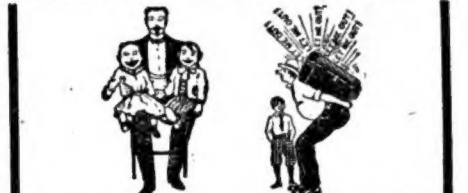
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